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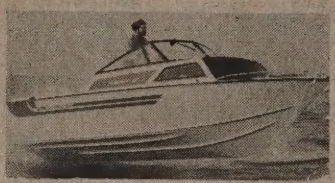

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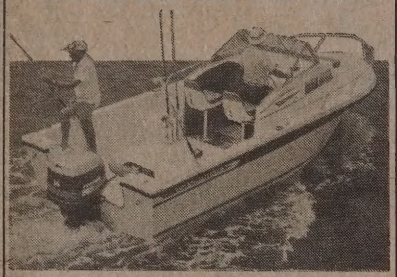
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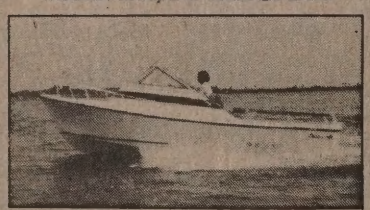
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EDITORIAL

UPDATE ON SURFING & MONTAUK'S CAMP HERO

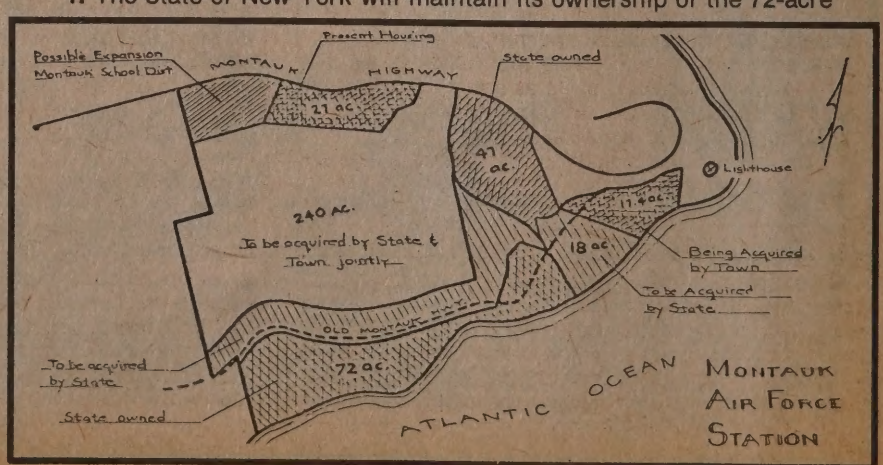
Some months ago we gave you a status report on the disposal of the Camp Hero property by the Federal Government. We promised an update within a few weeks, and obviously we have not done so. At the time of our initial report, we had reason to believe that the disposition of the property would be in final form within a few weeks. However, typical of government bureaucracy, the time frame gradually protracted. Although at the time of this writing the papers have not been "signed," it appears that events have more or less taken shape so that we can be fairly certain of the final otucome.

We will summarize what has been many events, meetings, and procedures so that you will have, in capsule form, an understanding of where we were and where we are now. Late last summer and early fall the matter of the Federal disposal of Camp Hero matured to the point where Federal, state, and local decisions were imminent. In the pecking order of things, states have first crack at excess government lands, and then in order, counties, towns, and the private sector. In the fall of 1981, the Town of East Hampton announced its intention of applying for large portions of the Camp Hero properly including substantial tracks of ocean-front property. Until that announcement, most folks had the impression that the State Parks, Recreation, and Historical Commission would acquire the land and thus much of the ocean-front property would come under the jurisdiction and control of the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission. Unfortunately, motivated by a desire to best utilize budget funds and conserve spending throughout the parks system and a request from the Town for the property for purposes of recreation for all citizens, the State withdrew its applications for the property believing, for reasons of continuity of management, that the property might find more widespread immediate use if the Town of East Hampton controlled the "Fort" property.

Perhaps there is a great political lesson to be learned from the events and outcomes of the next few months. Concerned citizens from many groups (recreational fishermen among them) approached the State with information and concern about the future of this property. This effort was not maintained with media splash. Instead, a lot of people gathered data and information, formulated arguments, and quietly approached the State with these for consideration. State officials listened carefully to calm, yet powerful information and arguments. These data, combined with the realization that so many diverse interest groups were concerned about this property and that these groups wanted much of it preserved for the future recreational needs of the people of New York State and preserved for the ecological well-being of the land, caused the State to reconsider. We think the lesson is that when concerned people from both the private and government sectors sit down and discuss matters of common concern without an umbrella of media hype, much can be done. This is not to say that the power and influence of the public press should not be used to move problems towards resolution, but rather there is a time for quiet, behind-the-scenes action and times for drawing the battle line and testing the powers. In this case, quiet was better.

The outcome in brief is as follows:

1. The State of New York will maintain its ownership of the 72-acre



parcel that runs along the beach front south of Montauk Highway (old) to the west.

2. The State will acquire an 18-acre parcel between Turtle Cove and the 72-acre parcel previously discussed.

3. The State will acquire a large buffer zone on the north side of the Old Montauk Highway.

4. The State and Town will jointly acquire a 240-acre parcel of interior land.

5. The State will maintain ownership of 47-acres east of the 240-acres, north of the buffer zone, and south of the new Montauk Highway.

6. The Town will acquire **only** the 17.4-acres (with ocean frontage) in Turtle Cove.

Concerning this 17.4-acre parcel, the following appeared in the East Hampton Star on Feb. 11, 1982. "The State will also be given an easement over the 17.4-acre parcel to be placed in Town Ownership via the Old Highway. A parking lot already is located at the end of the road and is considered an important access by sport fishermen. Its use will not be restricted."

The map at the end of this information editorial clearly shows that, indeed, very little of the south side ocean-front property will come under Town control and that even for this 17.4-acre parcel the State will have easement via an old roadway. In our opinion this outcome represents a very successful information and influence effort that caused the State to make a major reversal of its position established last fall. The position it adopted last fall was, of course, a reversal of a previous position. We believe the first reversal was not a result of any dubious or shady motivation, but rather available information led the State to change its position. Interested groups provided that information and the State responded. Although we would have preferred that the 17.4-acre parcel also become part of the State parks, considering where we were last fall, and considering the pressure generated and interest expressed in the property by the Town of East Hampton, we believe the outcome to be a substantial improvement and a substantial victory for all the present and future residents of the State who will need and demand considerable public land for recreation. This decision does not affect north-side State holdings.

On another matter, the Eastern Surfing Association has been pressuring the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission for official access to the State Parks. Not all of the ocean-front is suitable for surfing, and it turned out that the property they needed and the property we needed were one and the same. To attempt to solve this matter, an ad hoc committee was established by the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission. It consisted of a member of the Commission, a representative of the Eastern Surfing Association, and a representative of the Fishing Advisory Board. We believe a compromise was worked out which will allow both interest groups to utilize the same ocean-front area without significant interference to each other. The elements of the Compromise are:

1. Surfing Use of West End II. "From the Monday after Thanksgiving to the Sunday after Labor Day (in) an area running 200 yards easterly from the jetty at West End II..." during daylight hours.

2. Fishing at West End II. Fishermen will have use of the above stretch of beach during the night hours at all times and during the day during the period between the Sunday after Labor Day and the Monday after Thanksgiving.

3. During the fall period when surfing will not be permitted at West End II, the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission has provided that "...a similarly sized area will be opened on the ocean side of Robert Moses State Park directly south of the Water Tower."

4. Marking of Areas: "These areas will be adequately signed to inform the public of the new area rules."

Although the resolution of the Montauk Camp Hero problem and the surfing situation at West End II are not perfect, they represent outcomes that recognize the existence of multiple user groups and a growing sphere of influence of recreational fishermen in government circles such that we have become a part of the process that leads to decisions and actions, instead of historical promulgation of rules and regulations at the whim of government that must be accepted in toto by fishermen. It is our opinion that in spite of the absence of a perfect resolution (from the fisherman's point of view), that we have basically maintained traditional usage and protected vast tracks of territory for all the people of the state. We also wish to applaud those groups and individuals whose efforts made these solutions possible.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We apologize for the additional delay between writing and publication. However, we ask you to understand that the winter of 1981-82 has been filled with many problems and activities within the scope of political involvement and legislative action. All of these matters are extremely important and thus we offer them to you one at a time. We are sure you will understand that the delay does not mean that we attach any less importance to any one matter, but rather that the laws of physics teach us that two things cannot occupy the same space at the same time.

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This meeting will include the election of officers and Board of Directors. Full reports will be made of the accomplishments made in 1981 by the LIBBA.

At the meeting, hot dogs will be served along with beer and soda.

In order to vote at this meeting, dues for the 1982 year must be paid. They will be accepted at the meeting.

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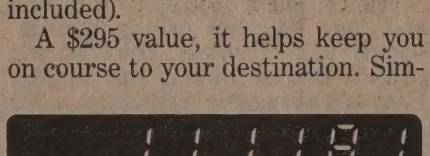

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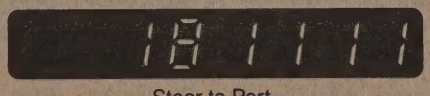

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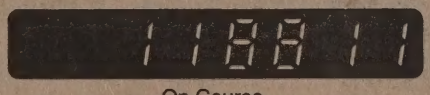

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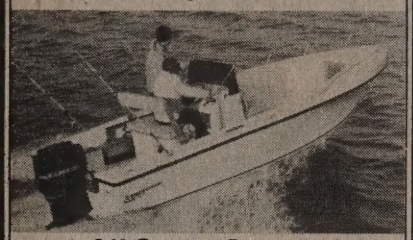

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The Montauk Captains Association (MCA) has announced that its third annual shark tournament will be held at the Star Island Yacht Club, Montauk, N.Y. on July 10 and 11, 1982. This tournament, in the past, has proved to be one of Long Island's most popular fishing events and certainly has offered the most to local charities. Last year, in addition to the American Cancer Society, the Montauk Ambulance Squad received $3,000 and because of extra money earned from the sale of T-shirts the Montauk Little League was given $500. This year in addition to the Cancer Society, the MCA will give two $1,000 grants to the Suffolk Community College School of Marine Technology for two Montauk students, plus $1,000 to the Montauk Little League. The local Montauk Boy Scouts Troop 136 will receive $500.

As in the past, $6,000 will be given in prize money to the three largest sharks: $3,000, $2,000 and $1,000 for the three winners, plus thousands of dollars worth of prizes donated by local businessmen.

Jack Casey, marine biologist, from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will be there to help and will provide tagging kits for those needing them. In addition to Jack, the contest will be judged by three well-known outdoor writers.

We are looking forward to seeing all of those who have supported us in the past and hope to have a good tournament.

OAKDALE SPORTSMENS CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Oakdale Sportsmens Club held its annual awards dinner at the South Shore Manor in Oakdale on February 27th. Dr. Jim Butler swept both Captain of the Year and Fisherman of the Year honors. Awards for eight new club records were given in recognition of these outstanding catches:

Big Eye Tuna: 355 lbs. (pending IGFA World Record)—Rich Buechmann.

Tiger Shark: 627 lbs.—Al Andrus.

Thresher Shark: 380 lbs.—Howie Standfield.

Wahoo: 53 lbs.—Rocky Varone.

Codfish: 48.4—Jim Butler

Bay Porgy: 2.5—Rocky Varone.

Bay Flounder: 2.13—Kurt Hugelmeyer.

Mackerel: 2.15—Charlie Johnson.

The Club announced its 1982 Fishing Schedule commencing with a flounder tournament in early April. For further info contact Rich Jeffares, 567-6442.

BABYLON TUNA CLUB'S NEW OFFICERS FOR '82

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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE

SHRIMP SCAMPI

by Eileen Regina

I think that one of the most succulent treats Mother Nature ever provided is that saltwater delicacy: the shrimp. Obviously, from the overwhelming popularity this shellfish receives throughout the world, not to mention the outlandish prices it commands, I am not alone in my belief. The market for this food supports entire communities, even whole cities at times, from the fleets of shrimp boats that sail out daily to catch fresh supplies or the huge factory ships that stay out for weeks at a time, through the markets and the packing plants or canneries that sell or process the catches. Every nationality has its own specialty, it seems. The Spanish are famous for their paella and our own Cajuns made their jambalaya renowned in fiction and song (I can still hear Dinah singing, "Shrimp boats are comin', their sails are in sight"—can't you?)

The Italians are great lovers of seafood, probably because that country is a peninsula (a body of land surrounded on three sides by water) and much of their protein must come from the sea. I like to think that this great love of seafood stems from the fact that the Italian recipes are so delicious, but this is basically true of almost every seafood recipe. Ethnic differences in cookery stand out primarily in the use of spices or additives that are indigenous to each separate country or area. Our Creole cooking differs from its French origin because of the liberal use of okra it incorporates. Mexican dishes lean heavily on chili peppers, and what is Italian cooking without oregano? It is the wise cook who realizes you can overdo a good thing though, so don't kill the mild, delicious flavor of shellfish with too much spice, and never, never overcook. This holds especially true with shrimp, so be careful.

SHRIMP SCAMPI

Ingredients (Serves 4):

2 lbs. jumbo shrimp
2 or more cloves garlic, pureed
2 tsps. table salt
1/2 tsp. ground dry mustard
1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
4 tbsps. finely chopped parsley
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup olive oil

Shell and devein shrimp, leaving tails intact. With a sharp knife, split shrimp almost through for 2/3 of length from inner arc, leaving the two halves connected at the tail end. Flatten the split portion, butterfly-style. The tail will curl in broiling.

In a bowl, combine the pureed garlic with the salt, mustard, and pepper. Add parsley, lemon juice, and the olive oil. Pour mixture over the prepared shrimp, cover and let marinate for two hours.

To broil, arrange shrimp in a shallow pan with tails up and spoon on the marinade. Broil in preheated oven or broiler at 550° about four inches from source of heat until shrimp are pink and white and lightly browned. This should take about five minutes. DO NOT OVERCOOK!

Remove from heat, place immediately on individual dishes, arranged with the tails pointed towards the outside of the dish, in a circle. Garnish with sprigs of fresh parsley and lemon wedges, serve piping hot with a baked potato, hearts of lettuce salad, and chunks of hot, crusty garlic bread. A dry white wine of your choice could be the ideal complement to a perfect dinner here.

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TUNA UPDATE:

THE GREAT TUNA COMPROMISE

by Al Ristori

Part one of the great bluefin tuna conservation effort is over. After a tedious week-long meeting in Miami, the various countries involved in the western Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery have agreed on a course of action in regard to conserving the heavily pressured stocks. The quotas agreed to aren't what we had hoped for (or what our scientists had recommended), but at least they're a very big step in the right direction.

As readers of my previous articles on this subject may be aware, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) recommended at a meeting last fall that the bluefin catch in the western Atlantic be held to just 800 metric tons—and that only for "monitoring" purposes. Actually, the scientists felt the stock was in such poor shape that there really shouldn't be any catch at all. However, they did agree to some catch in order to keep track of the condition of the stocks, though the 800 ton figure was a political figure—quite a bit higher than necessary for stock monitoring.

As restrictive as an 800 metric ton catch would be, the worst part was that the initial stock figures coming out of the ICCAT meeting indicated that any catch at all would probably result in a further decline in the already threatened stocks. At a meeting in the State Department in January, the various American interests came to an informal meeting of the minds on how a reduced U.S. catch should be shared. However, those shares were based on the Japanese being held to a mere 81 ton by-catch of bluefins in their longline fisheries aimed at bigeyes—and the Canadians accepting only 118 tons as their quota. As I noted in the last article, it was unrealistic to believe that the Canadians (who had severely restricted their tuna fishery in the mid-70s) would settle for such a low figure. On the other hand, there was hope that the Japanese could be held down if the State Department stuck to their guns about using half of the huge annual fishery quota that the Japanese are allowed to take from U.S. waters as a bargaining chip.

The Miami conference opened on February 8 with the usual formalities. Congressman Ed Forsythe (R-NJ) welcomed the delegates and emphasized the importance of coming up with a solution that would ensure conservation of the resource. In deciding on how the quota was to be split up, Forsythe asked that two principles be adhered to. First, "that those nations which have in the past taken conservation measures to protect this resource should not now be asked to bear the lion's share of the conservation needs"; and second "that coastal fishermen who have limited alternative fishing opportunities should bear a lesser burden."

The meeting kicked off with a "diplomatic ballet"—each delegation deferring to the other in the selection of a chairman. Finally, Dr. Frank Carlton, U.S. ICCAT Commissioner and head of the National Coalition for Marine Conservation (a sport fishing lobby) was appointed chairman. A divisive note was struck right away by a communication from Cuba indicating opposition to this meeting, despite the fact that they had voted in favor of the 800 ton quota at the ICCAT meeting and had been invited to attend. The one-man Brazilian delegation also expressed concern about any restrictions being applied to their developing fishery.

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However, the real problem here was the matter of dividing up the quota among the U.S., Canada, and Japan. The U.S. scientific information (which had been accepted at ICCAT) was presented, but the Japanese presented scientific papers from two of their experts which tore apart the U.S. figures and methodology—and insisted that the 1982 suprlus figure was far higher than that which our scientists had projected. Furthermore, there was an ongoing dispute within the U.S. delegation about these same 1982 surplus production figures. Scientists hired by the East Coast Tuna Association (a commercial group) used different methodology than our government scientists and came up with some numbers that even exceeded the Japanese figures. Nevertheless, even the most optimistic of these projections produced surplus productions for 1982 that were still lower than what has actually been taken out of the western Atlantic in recent years. In other words, no one disputed the need for conservation. It was just a question of how to prevent a great deal of economic dislocation in the course of achieving conservation aims.

Why do the figures presented by the various scientists vary so greatly? The basic reason is that fisheries science is very inexact. Catch and effort data is used to come up with estimates of the numbers of a given species in the ocean, but we can never be sure that the complicated mathematical formulas really produce answers that are meaningful. In order to work with those formulas, a number of assumptions have to be made (such as a mortality rate) and by changing those assumptions even slightly a great change in the end result can occur. That's why all of these highly trained and competent scientists could come up with widely different results and still defend their positions.

After it became clear that there wasn't going to be a meeting of the minds on just which scientific information was best, the meeting got down to a discussion of how much the fishery was worth to each nation. Allen Peterson, Northeast Director of NMFS, came up with an economic value to the U.S. in excess of $36 million in 1979, while Dr. Isogai claimed the Japanese catch was worth about $40 million to them. Then it was time for actual quota numbers, and U.S. delegation chief Carmen Blondin set forth the U.S. position. He based our insistence on the majority of the catch on the 1970-74 average catch. At that time it broke out to 64% U.S., 21% by Canada, and 15% by Japan.

Carmen told the Japanese we didn't regard more recent years as being valid since the Japanese had transferred their catch from the Mediterranean Sea and maintained high catch levels at the very time that the U.S. and the Canadians had placed extra restrictions on their fisheries in order to keep catches well below the authorized historical levels.

Blondin also emphasized that the Japanese had prevented improvement of the stocks by working over the spawning giants in the Gulf of Mexico and by taking great numbers of the 1973 year class (the only strong one in two decades) as medium fish. The Japanese, however, were able to point to the very basic reason for the fishery's present condition: excessive purse seining by American vessels during the 60s. The Canadians expressed dismay at the way Japan took advantage of the 1975 ICCAT bluefin regulations (taking their highest catch as the "recent" level and shifting effort from the eastern to the western Atlantic), but also faulted the U.S. for not supporting their efforts for more effective bluefin management at the 1977, 78, 79 and 80 ICCAT sessions.

Both the Canadians and the Japanese emphasized the damage done to the emerging year classes by purse seining and insisted that it should be stopped. Mike Hunter, Canadian delegation chief, noted that purse seining has no value in monitoring the stocks and that they would stop the Canadian purse seine fishery off the Mid-Atlantic coast which had been taking hundreds of tons of schoolies until the last couple of years. In 1981, the Canadians said their seine catch was 95 tons, but our statistics credited them with 113.5 metric tons. In either case, that was more school tuna than were caught with rod and reel last season!

When it came right down to numbers, the Japanese insisted on a one-third cut of whatever quota was agreed on—and wouldn't have any part of the 81 metric tons we had proposed for them as a by-catch. The Canadians had a bottom figure of 250 tons of giant tuna off which they would not budge. They pointed out that they were giving up the seine fishery off our Coast and were catching only limited numbers of very old giants (they figured an average size last year of 950 lbs.!)—all of which are of great economic value in low income fishing ports.

One thing Carmen insisted on was withdrawal by the Japanese from the Gulf fishery on pre-spawning giants. Though the Japanese didn't willingly concede that point, it was apparent from the first that they had written the giant tuna fishery off. The sticking point was how much they actually needed in school and medium bluefin by-catch in order to successfully prosecute their late fall bigeye longline fishery in the northeast.

By the fifth day of the meeting, things weren't looking too good. The Japanese had reacted to our threat to hold back over a half a million metric tons of other fish quotas in our waters by threatening to cut off the substantial American fish sales to Japan. Furthermore, there was some doubt as to whether the State Department would actually back us up on the quotas if we didn't give the Japanese enough of a bluefin by-catch to enable them to continue longlining off our Coast for other tunas. To top it off, there was a lot of pressure within our delegation (from the East Coast commercial interests) to take as much tuna as we did last year. Nevertheless, our ICCAT Commissioners (and most of the advisors) stood firm against increasing the quota a great deal above the previously recommended 800 metric tons—and against taking less than 55% of whatever quota was decided on.

A possible area of accommodation was finally arrived at on that last afternoon. The quota was moved up to 1150 tons and broken down to 600 tons U.S., 300 tons Japan, and 250 tons for Canada. Back in Washington the next week, five tons was added to both the U.S. and Japanese quotas to bring the total to 1160 metric tons. Though this is considerably more than was first envisioned, it still represents a large reduction in the total tuna catch. Instead of taking far more than we do in our own waters, the Japanese will be allowed only about half of our catch; and their 305 tons will represent only about 8% of what they caught last year! Best of all, they are also eliminated from the Gulf of Mexico fishery on spawning giants. The Brazilians and Cubans are not restricted in their "developing" bluefin fisheries. While that probably isn't meaningful in the case of the Brazilians, it could be a potential problem if the Cubans decide to take advantage of the situation.

While the final agreement wasn't all we had hoped for, it was the best we could realistically have expected to do under the circumstances. As long as our 200 mile limit exempts tunas from its provisions, we have no legal basis upon which to exclude other countries from our waters as long as they fish only for the various tunas. Since there's little short term hope (as long as the West Coast tuna lobby still rules the roost) of getting tunas added to the 200 mile limit bill, the ICCAT conservation route was our best shot at doing something constructive about conserving this heavily impacted fishery.

Carmen Blondin did a fine job as head of the U.S. delegation and each of the advisors had every opportunity to provide input. Among the advisors who were particularly helpful in maintaining a conservation posture among our delegation were Captain Warren Hader, President of the Montauk Boatmans Assn.; John Mason, noted tuna scientist from the New York State DEC; Arnie Taylor, Executive Director of the American Tuna Action Committee; Captain B.J. Putnam, Chairman of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Bill Feinberg, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; and "father of tuna conservation" Frank Mather.

Now that the international component of this problem is settled, there is still the very touchy problem of how to divide up the 605 metric tons assigned to the U.S. My last article spelled out the breakdown of the domestic catch as outlined at the State Department meeting in January. That was based on a large U.S. share of the original 800 ton quota, but the smaller U.S. share of the 1160 ton quota is still greater than the original numbers we were talking about. The original monitoring program called for a school tuna catch of 110 tons on rod and reel, with another 76 tons allocated to the purse seiners as by-catch in the skipjack fishery. The giant tuna broke down to 282 tons on handgear (rod and reel, handline, and harpoon), 60 tons for purse seiners, and 37 tons by a by-catch for swordfish longliners. That total of 565 tons leaves another 40 tons for distribution. Furthermore, we should be prepared to fight about the 60 ton giant tuna catch allocated to the seiners.

According to the latest figures on the 1981 U.S. catch, purse seiners took over half of the 1639 short tons landed by U.S. vessels. The Japanese and Canadians made special points of emphasizing that such fishing was both harmful to the resource and of no value to the monitoring effort. If completely eliminated (except for the by-catch in the skipjack fishery) it should mean that we will be cut back only about 50% in giant tuna and will have a normal school tuna fishery on rod and reel (retaining the four fish per rod restriction).

The purse seiners have made a big deal about their conservation efforts in staying off the vital 1973 year class in the past, but last year their "giant tuna" catch averaged out to about 400 lbs. per fish as they took their quotas from the small giants clustered south of Cape Cod and off Block Island—all 1973 year class fish that would probably have been spawning this year for the first time! The seiners could have gone further north and caught much older giants nearing the end of their life cycles, but instead chose to take the easy way out and worked over the very year class that represents the only hope for the future!

Within the next few weeks the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will be coming up with proposals about how the U.S. quota should be divided. Hopefully, we'll be able to influence them to adopt a system which will give each area a shot at some giants—though catch and release fishing will surely be permitted even after the season is closed. These proposals will be submitted to public hearings and we'll all have a chance to comment on

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— ROD BUILDING SERIES —

STEPS AND TRICKS IN BUILDING, SPIN CAST, CASTING AND BOAT RODS

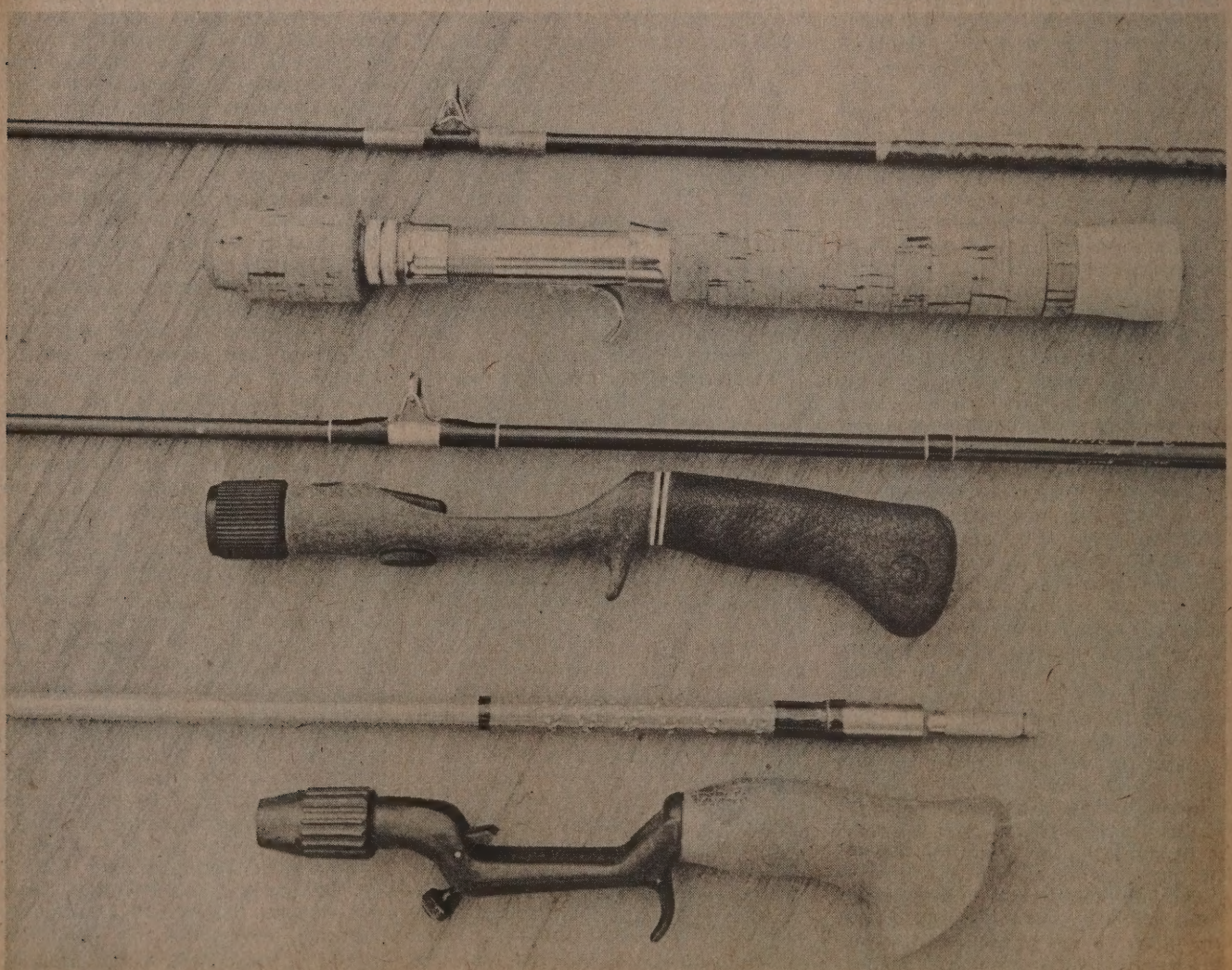
Part Eleven — *by C. Boyd Pfeiffer*

Casting, spin cast, and detachable handle boat and IGFA trolling rods are among the easiest to build since there is no handle construction. The detachable handle is attached to the rod blank with a ferrule or butt adapter, and the handle detaches for travel and storage.

As a result, their construction involves only attaching the ferrule to the blank and wrapping the guides in place. In addition, the basic method used also lends itself to some specialized rods that are ideal for certain types of fishing.

In building one of these types of rods, first assemble the parts of your choice, including the handle, adapter or ferrule, blank, guides and tiptop. Of course, you will also need the thread, color preserver, epoxy finish and an epoxy-glue to glue the adapter onto the blank. In some cases, you may have to glue the reel seat onto the handle on big game rods.

Complete combination rod handles are sold with a mounted or manufactured handle and reel seat, or you can buy a wood or aluminum AFTCO handle and mount a Varmac reel seat (RS type) in place. These reel seats and rod handles are manufactured so that they will fit without bushings or



Several types of casting rod handles shown with casting rods. Top—homemade popping rod handle using a built-in ferrule to fit the rod blank; center, Fuji handle; and bottom, Featherweight handle.

shimming, so a thin application of glue to the rod handle bushing is enough to slide the reel seat in place.

Make sure that the hoods on the reel seat are lined up with the gimbel at the bottom of the rod handle. Wipe up any glue and allow to cure overnight.

The next step is virtually the same for any type of detachable handle rod, whether it be casting, spin cast, boat trolling or big game IGFA style. Use a good waterproof or epoxy glue and glue the adapter or ferrule onto the rod blank. In the case of casting and spin cast rods, adapters are made in a variety of sizes to closely fit any rod blank that you might use. For example, using the Fuji or Deerback systems of handles and adapters, adapters are available in 19 different sizes from 6mm to 15mm hole size. The Featherweight system has 22 different sizes for their handles from 18/64ths through 40/64ths.

In some cases, you still might have to shim the rod blank a little with rod wrap thread to build up the space between the blank and adapter. To do this, use size D thread and lay the thread in short lengths over the end of the rod blank and running along each side for several inches. Do this several times so that you create a ribbing effect of 4, 6 or 8 threads, depending upon shimming required.

Tape the thread in place around the blank, spread the glue on the blank, in the adapter and slide the adapter on. When the glue is cured, cut off any excess thread at the end of the adapter. This method is far better than wrapping the thread around the blank, where the adapter will tend to push the thread up on the blank and out of the adapter.

Use a similar method with larger cord to shim boat and trolling rods onto the ferrule supplied with trolling rod handles. The method is the same, but there are only five different size ferrules to take all rod blanks from light to 130 lb. IGFA class rods.

One other tip for trolling rods is to notch the blank at the end with a file and to line the notch up with the notch in the ferrule which assures that the rod won't turn while you are fighting a fish. This assures that you get the rod blank all the way down into the ferrule for maximum strength. Make sure you notch the rod in accordance with the spine of the blank so that the guides will line up with the strong side of the blank and, in turn, are lined up with the hoods of the reel seat.

Most trolling rod handles and reel seats have a collet nut which screws the ferrule onto the handle for added security. It is best to remove the collet nut before gluing, or to tape it down on the ferrule to prevent it from picking up any excess glue. If you do remove it, be sure to replace it after the glue has cured and before adding the foregrip to the blank.

Casting and spin cast rods don't use foregrips since it isn't required

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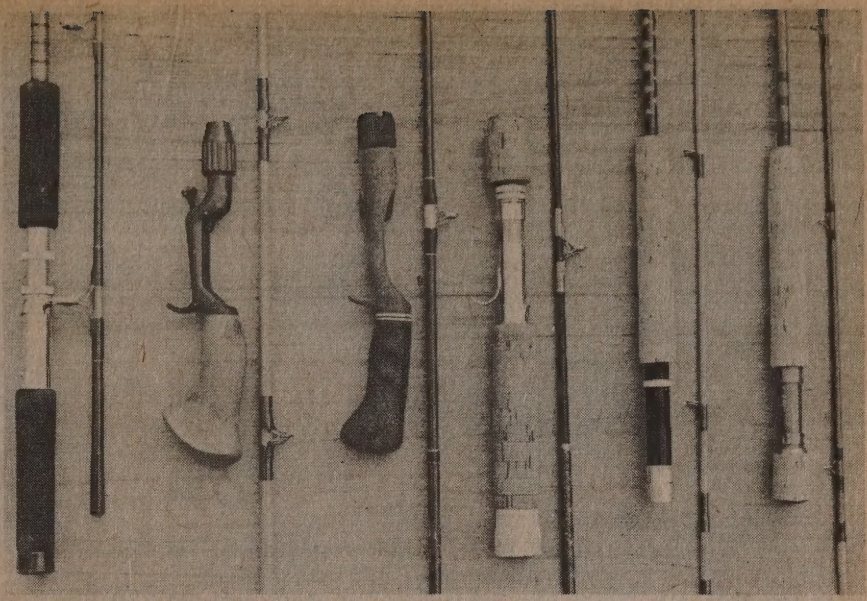
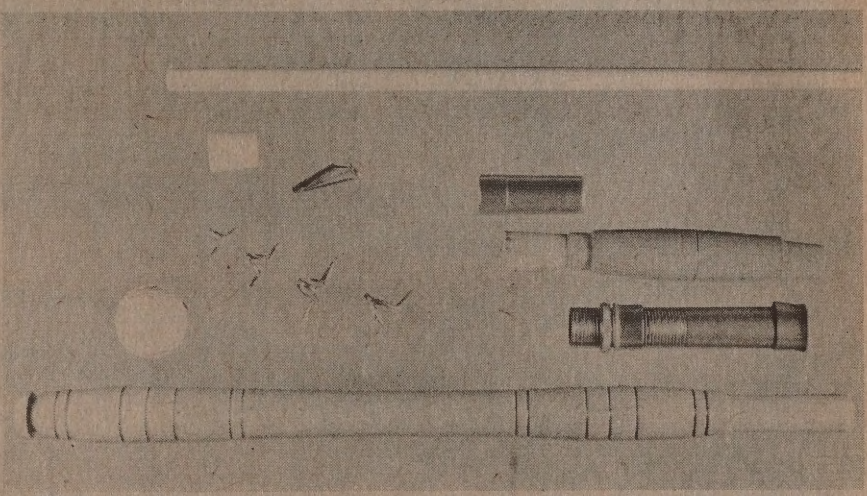
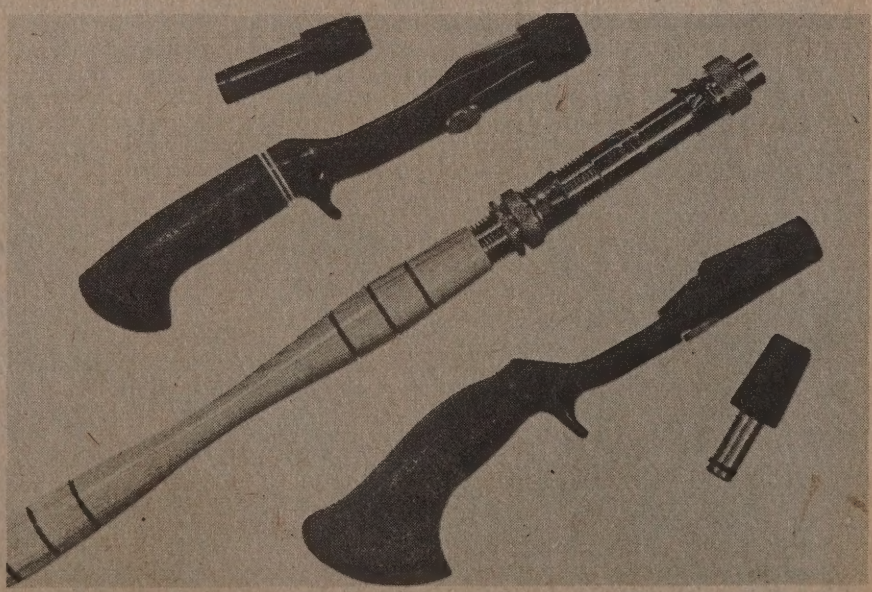


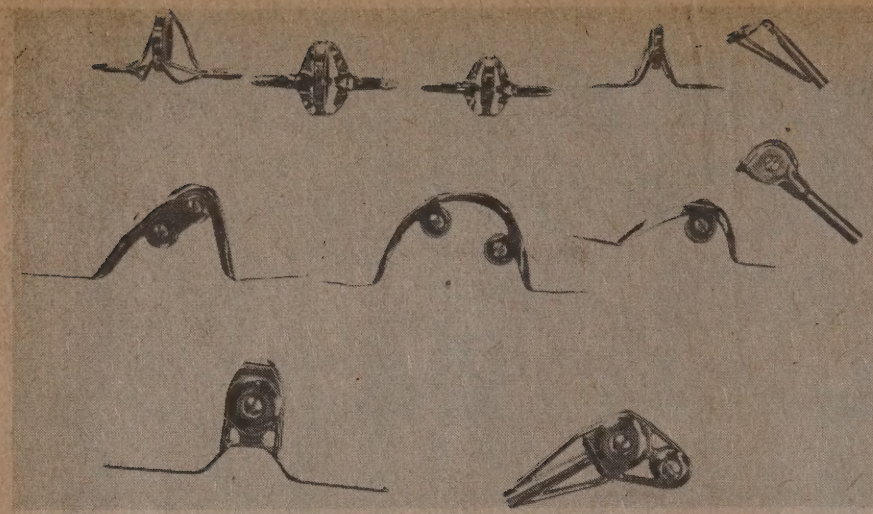
Types of handles. Left to right: spinning rod handle, Featherweight casting rod handle, Fuji graphite rod handle, homemade popping rod handle, and two fly rod handles.



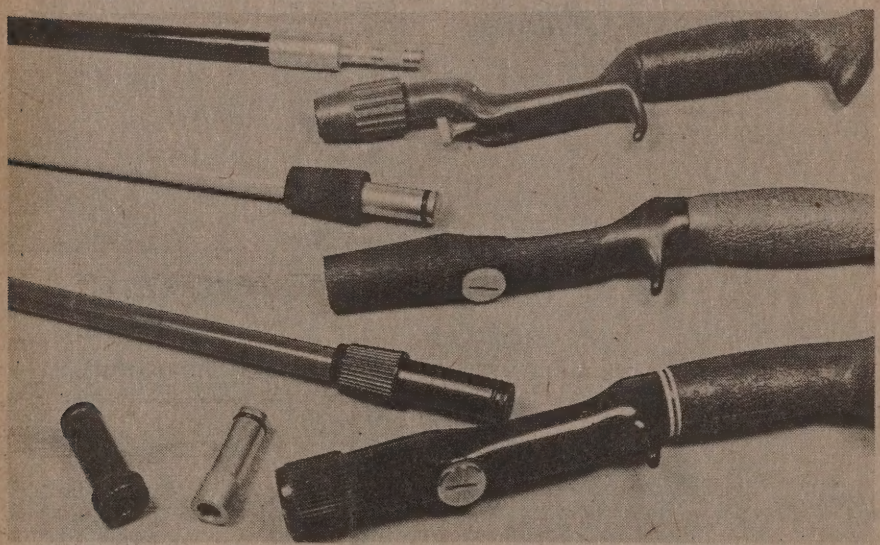
Typical components for a boat rod include handle and foregrip, reel seat, blank, guides, tiptop, ferrule, and butt cap.



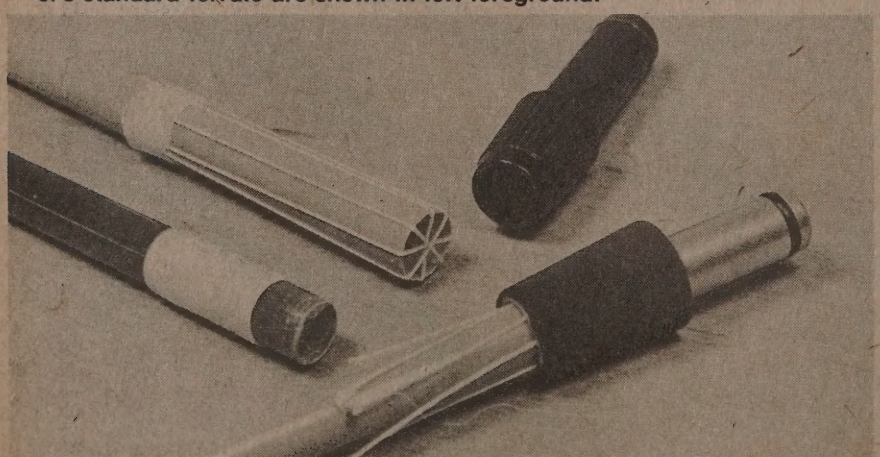
Typical handles for casting and boat (trolling) rods. The rod handle on the top is a Fuji with the Fuji adapter that fits it; the center handle is a wood handle with a Varmac RS 2 reel seat, and the bottom is a casting rod handle made by Featherweight with suitable adapter.



Types of guides suitable for boat and trolling rods. Top row—ring guides of several types for inshore trolling rods, along with a ring type tiptop. Center—a series of Aftco guides with rollers (double rollers for the first guide) and a roller tiptop. Generally, five guides are used on most trolling and offshore rods. Bottom—Mildrum roller guides and tiptop.



Casting rod handle systems suitable for freshwater and light tackle casting rods. Handles are shown with the suitable adapters fitted into the rod blanks. Top: Featherweight handle with standard 3/8" ferrule adapter; center, Featherweight Ram Rod series with friction fit adapter with "O" ring; and bottom, Fuji handle with adapter. Other adapters designed to fit the Featherweight and Fuji systems and to take the older 3/8 standard ferrule are shown in left foreground.



Method of shimming rod blanks to fit adapters. Use thread or cord laced over the end of the blank as shown so that you form "ribs" that will shim up any space between the ferrule or adapter and rod blank. Method of wrapping around the blank as shown to the left, is not as good. See text for details.

for the type of fishing, but all boat and trolling rods have a cork, flocked or hypalon foregrip. Make sure that the foregrip is long enough: too long is better than too short. Use about 9" for light rods and up to 12" for heavy trolling and IGFA rods. Ream out the foregrip if cork or flocked, and glue in place. If using hypalon, lubricate the blank and the handle opening with Windex, shaving gel or white glue and slide in place. Unless it will be a very tight grip, it is best to use the white glue method or some other glue on the blank where the handle will fit. **Immediately** wipe up any lubricant or glue after this step and clean the foregrip thoroughly.

After the handle assembly is complete, the next step is to fasten the tiptop in place. In the case of the spin cast or casting rods, determine the spine of the blank (if you have not already done so), and mark the rod so that the tiptop can be lined up with this strong side. Use heat set ferrule cement or epoxy glue to glue the tiptop in place. Since these tips often fit snugly, it is sometimes hard to get enough glue into the fitting by smearing glue on the tip of the rod and then sliding the top in place. This is particularly true of the small tube sizes used with the currently popular graphite blanks. An alternative to this method and one that will assure a good glue bond is to use a straightened paper clip to smear glue thoroughly on the inside of the tiptop and then mount with a rotating motion on the rod blank to get a good glue bond.

Once the adapter is in place and the tiptop glued on in line with the reel seat hoods, the rest involves only tapping the guides in place and wrapping them down with rod wrapping thread. Begin by selecting the right size and right number of guides. For most rods like this, you will want about 5 guides. For trolling rods, five roller guides like any of the Aftco sets are standard for big game fishing. Spin cast, casting and trolling rods using conventional ring guides also usually take about five guides. One way to check the number is to tape the guides in place where you think that they should go, mount a reel on the rod, and run the line through the guides. Tie the end of the line to a heavy weight and flex the rod to see how the stress is distributed along the curve of the rod. On conventional rods like this, it is important that the line avoid contact as much as possible with the rod blank. Thus, you might find that you will want to go to more guides or higher frame guides to eliminate or reduce this line/rod contact. In addition, follow the suggestions in Part VI of this series as to filing guide feet, and placing the first (butt) guide for optimal performance.

Once the guides are taped properly for your rod and rod action, wrap them in place using the techniques outlined in Part VI. Finish as outlined in Part X, using color preserver to

protect the thread color and a good epoxy finish to protect the wraps against the ravages of sun, water and rod racks.

The basics of making rods with detachable handles like this will also allow you to make different rods for special purposes. For example, several years ago, I discovered that I never had heavy enough rods for deep jigging when fishing tropical waters in Central or South America. At that time, few blanks were available that would suit this tough fishing, and most of them were one piece, 7' blanks that would have been a hassle to cut and ferrule and more of a hassle with the airlines if left as one piece blanks. I realized that the IGFA type blanks available from rod manufacturers would do fine, since they are available in 6, 12, 20, 30, 50, 80 and 130 lb. class sizes. The 12, 20, and 30 pound blanks were ideal for deep jigging rods, but too short to be used as is, and not suitable when rigged with a long 18'' standard detachable trolling handle. However, it is possible to make your own short boat type handles for these blanks to get a rod with the action, length and power that you want. To do this, you must build the handle. For my rods, I used hypalon handle materials, built it up on a length of 3/4'' aluminum tubing, added a regular rubber butt cap to the end and used some thread to serve as a bushing to glue the Varmac RS-2 reel seat in place. The result was that I made several rods in 12, 20 and 30 lb. blanks for deep jigging, and a light spinning rod on a 6 lb. class rod using a lighter, smaller RS-1 reel seat. All handles are about 8'' to 10'' long to suit my fishing, but any length rod handle can be made. I used wide spool conventional casting reels on the conventional rods and medium action spinning on the 6 lb. blank. This gave me heavier action rods that still will travel with detachable handles and give me the length that I want in a rod. When complete, most of the rods are about 5' 10'' to 6' 4'' depending upon the handle and rod blank length. (IGFA rods vary between 5' 3'' and 5' 6''.)

In addition, the same rods can be interchanged with conventional trolling rod handles with the same size reel seat so as to permit trolling. Thus, one rod blank with two handles will do double duty through the interchangeable handle system. Similar setups can be used with conventional casting and spin cast rod blanks using both regular casting rod handles and two-handed or long grip handles available in the same adapter system.

By following the above, and referring to the individual parts of this series for specifics on wrapping and finishing, you can build any rod of this type almost overnight, and pave the way to building other rods.

NEXT WEEK: Tricks and techniques in building spinning, surf and fly rods.

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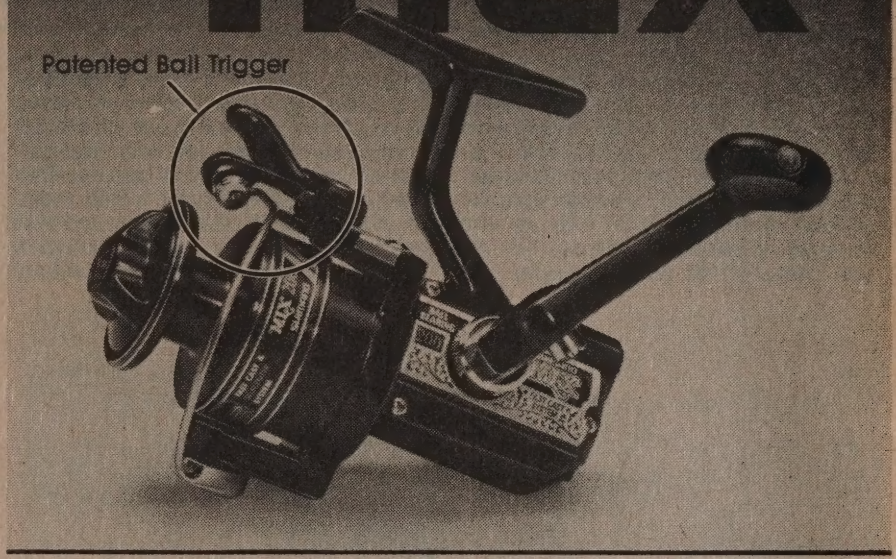

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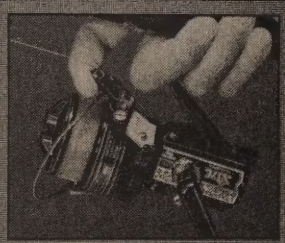

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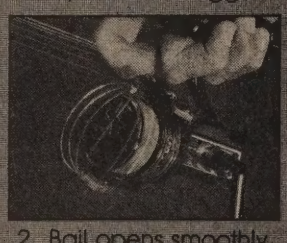

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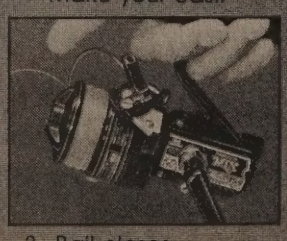

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LET IT BLOW!

by Herb Buch

The sheltered confines of western south shore bays provide a haven for rental skiff anglers.

Rental boats offer the average fisherman a chance to fish where, when, and how he chooses. Aside from fishing, a day out in a small boat provides so much satisfaction that many anglers go on to purchase their own boats. There is, however, one fly in the ointment, and that is the forecast of strong winds on the day you plan to fish. Despite what you may think, this is no reason to cancel your trip. There is a place where you can fish safely and productively even in winds that make the use of a small boat uncomfortable or even dangerous on most Long Island waters. That area is located at the far western end of Great South Bay. Included are several sections, so dotted with islands that they contain as much land or marsh area as water. The tidal channels wander erratically through the islands in such a way that you can find shelter no matter which way the wind is blowing. Not only that, but a place that offers good fishing for flounder, fluke, blackfish, and other varieties in season.

A very strong wind did not keep these flounder from biting.

My choice as to the best of these areas is the section adjacent to Seaford Harbor, which boasts at least three good boat rental stations. The docks are located in small, sheltered creeks which open into excellent fishing waters. Good catches of flounder and fluke can be made less than a mile from any of these liveries and all without crossing any open waters. Nautical chart #12352 covers all of these areas, but rental stations usually provide you with a copy of the page which covers their own area at no cost. Not only that, but they will mark in the locations which are producing fish and tell you what bait and rig is necessary. They also have fresh bait for sale, in addition to terminal tackle. You will find their names and phone numbers among the advertisements in The Long Island Fisherman.

Spring is the busiest time of the year in these waters. Everyone has cabin fever and is anxious to get out after the long, cold winter. This is the portion of early spring when every boat you see is probably out to catch a few flounders. Whether you come out of Seaman Creek or Seaford Creek, you are only about one-half mile from Four Corners, and flounder can be caught just about anywhere that you try for them. Depending upon the direction in which the wind is blowing, you choose an island that will offer shelter by blocking that wind. Nose your boat into the wind, and watch for the shallows as you head slowly toward the land. Release the anchor in the shallows, and drift back with the wind till you are over the dropoff. Now, tie off the anchor at the front of the boat, and if the tide does not push you away from the drop you can begin to chum and fish. If the current pushes you up on to the flat, reset your anchor to get the boat just over the deep side of the dropoff, since that is where the fish will usually be found.

Massapequa Cove was an excellent producer early last year, and it is sheltered from just about any wind except those from the south. As the season progresses, the fish move

generally south and west towards Jones Inlet. Island Creek and the channels on both sides of Great Island (the one that carries the Wantagh Causeway) offer good action and shelter from almost any winds. The rental stations keep tabs on the movement of the fish and know just where the best action has been of late. Cold weather slows things up, and warm weather gets them moving. Towards the end of the spring run, you will have to make a long run to collect a good catch of flounder. Most people do not bother because just about then, fluke are replacing their smaller cousins in the channels.

Last year the fluke arrived early and stayed in the creeks until the first half of September. There were a lot of shorts around, but enough keepers to satisfy any reasonable person. Fluke fishing has not been that good for many years. Many of the shorts were in the 13'' class, which made for fun in catching. The best way to release a fluke that has taken the hook deeply is to cut the leader next to its mouth without touching the fish. They are tough customers, but ripping out a hook and then flinging the fish away violently, is not likely to result in one that you can keep next season.

Most fluke fishermen drift fish, while using sand eels, spearing, or killies for bait. When the wind is strong, the drifts are sometimes too fast. Try to find a creek where the wind will blow you along the edge of the dropoff. That way, you will be in likely territory for a longer time.

Because there were so many fluke around last season, some fishermen found that they could do fairly well even from an anchored boat. A chum pot full of ground bunker will draw fluke to the boat, and it can be much easier fishing particularly on windy days. Anchor up-current of a spot that has produced fish, or at the edge of a channel.

Anchoring may be the most important activity on those windy days. Before you leave the dock you should check to see if the boat has a good anchor and a reasonable length of line. Many of the boats are equipped with Danforth type anchors, which are excellent. The mushroom type is not too effective on windy days. Regulars in this area often bring a spare anchor of their own, rigged with 50' to 100' of line. Double anchoring will keep you on the exact spot that you want, in spite of wind and tide. Many times, my own anchor has made it possible to hold in deeper areas when the wind would drift boats with one anchor away from a productive spot. Unless you are an experienced boatman, you should not be out when winds reach such velocity.

Since we are speaking of safety measures, it is a good time to mention life vests. Freshwater fishermen are beginning to recognize the importance of wearing personal flotation devices. During the cool seasons these will not only protect us in case of accident, but help to keep us warm. No one wants to think about needing them, but it is better to wear one and never need it, than to drown for lack of one.

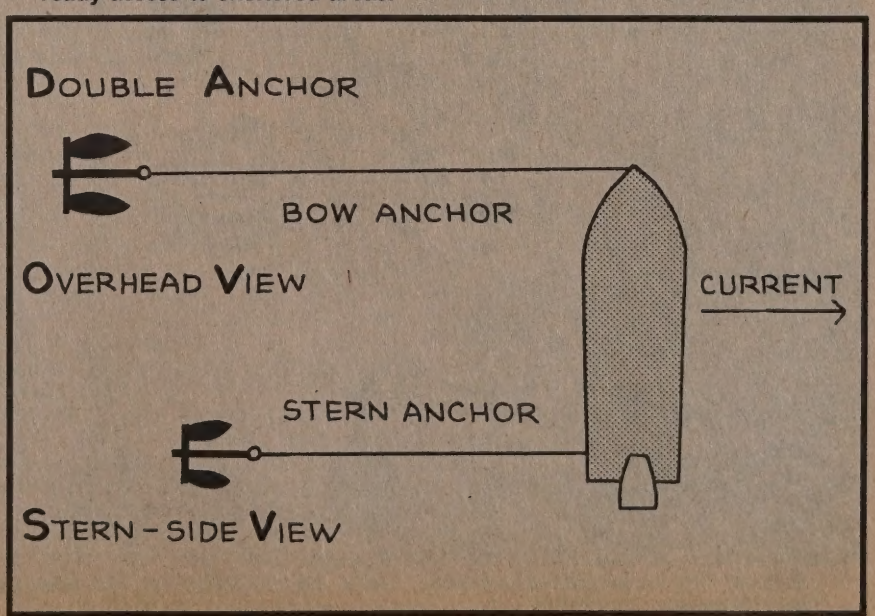
Each year, just about when the fluke leave, we begin to catch some flounder. The fall run is not usually as good as the spring run, but some fish will be caught until the weather is so bad that all rental boats are taken out of the water.

Blackfish and sea bass are available at the causeway bridges and at mussel beds during spring and fall. The currents are particularly fast at the bridges, and for that reason I would only recommend double anchoring so that you can fish down-current to the bridge. The water is deep and the wake of a passing cruiser can loosen a single anchor. One side of each bridge is marked with large signs advising you of cable crossings. Stay away from that side because if your anchor becomes hooked under the cable you will probably never get it out. Bridge fishing is not for the occasional boatman. Flatfishing is much easier and safer.

During the early fall of last year, there were some nice weakfish taken in the channels. The technique involved was to catch a few snappers and keep them alive in a bucket. A single 5/0 hook was baited with a live snapper hooked through both lips and a drail attached to keep it near the bottom. It was slow fishing, but some people are always willing to work harder for a big one.

This is a very popular area and on weekends, it is necessary to make a reservation to obtain a boat. If you run into one of those windy days, you can expect that they will have some no-shows. Keep the phone numbers on tap, and if it is too rough for your favorite area, you may enjoy a productive day out of the wind.

Pop's Fishing Station in Seaford is one of several in the area that provide ready access to sheltered areas.



MAKING YOUR OWN SPINNER BAITS

by Jerry Blonigen

No matter how you cut it, the costs of your piscatorial pursuits has more than doubled in the last few years, and there is little hope that it will get better: $6 for a 300 yd. spool of line, $3 for a 10-pack of 8'' plastic worms, $2 for a spinner bait, etc., etc. Well, if every time you head for the door with your fishing gear you are told how cheap the fish are down at the market and you would like to ease that pinch on your hip pocket, try ''rolling your own.'' Making your own lures is really very easy and can be fun, especially when you get together with some of the gang. In fact, if you and your buddies can split the costs for molds, pour pots, and other materials, the cost to each individual can be further reduced. Though this is oriented towards freshwater fishermen, the same approach can be used by the saltwater types.

The initial outlay for molds, tools, and the rest of the trimmings may seem a bit expensive, but you have to consider how long that gear will last and what the costs of your homemade lures will be. Some of the molds I have are about 10 years old and they look like they will last another 10 with no problems. Again, this is where sharing the costs with a friend can really come into play. You can each buy one or two molds for different styles or sizes, fill your tackle box with a nice selection of lures, and you still won't have to take out a second mortgage on your house to support your habit. Here are some examples of the costs of rolling your own:

1/4 oz. spinner baits: first 100 lures will cost about $.85 each. After that, they drop to about $.45 each. This cost is figured using rubber skirts.

1/4 oz. jigs: first 200 will cost about $.15 each. After that the cost drops to about $.07.

Depending upon what you use to dress the spinner baits and jigs, the costs will vary somewhat.

8'' plastic worms: first 150 will cost about $.16 apiece. After that, the cost drops to $.08. This cost can be reduced even further by saving your scrap worms and re-melting them.

These costs can also vary according to how fancy you want to get and what catalogs you use. For just a small investment you can order several catalogs from the listings in the last few pages of the major outdoor magazines such as Sports Afield or Outdoor Life. Some of the companies I have catalogs for are Okiebug, Tulsa, OK; Carolina Novelty Mfg., Mineral

Some of the combinations of spinner baits you can make up. The snap swivel allows you to change blades to meet the water conditions.

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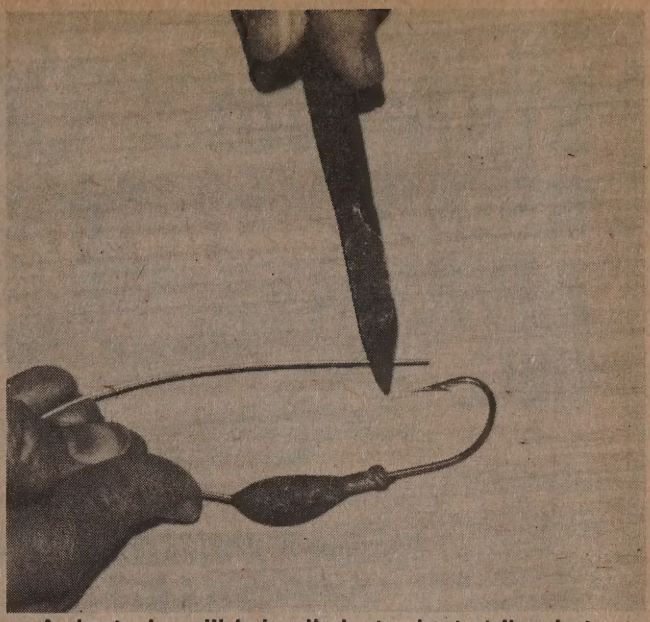

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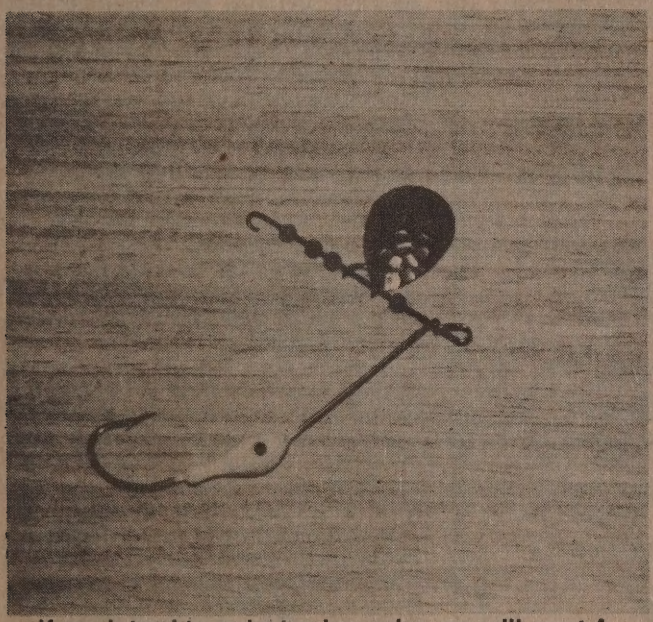

If you intend to make tandem spins you will need 4, 5/32" beads, a clevis and a blade one size smaller than your main blade.

If you use a skirt, it should be about 2½" long and put on backwards. Putting the skirt on backwards will give a ballooning effect that adds to the action.

Springs, NC; Bass Pro Shops, Springfield, MO, and Lure Craft, Bloomington, IN. These are only a few of the catalogs that are available. My fishing buddy has about a half dozen others and between the two of us we can usually come up with the best prices and best service. One thing must be stressed though: USE EXTREME CAUTION when working with molten lead!! Always wear protective clothing, gloves, and face protection, for the temperature of molten lead is approximately 630° F. It is also a good idea to exercise extra caution with plastic. The melted plastic will be about 340° F.

Spinner Baits. The spinner bait, as we know it, has been around since the 1940s and, because it can be fished year-round, it has become a standard item in most tackle boxes. The characteristics of the spinner bait are color, flash, and vibration. The color comes from the painted head and the color of the skirt and/or tail you use. The tail can be a small plastic grub, a strip cut from a balloon, or pork rind or chunk. Vibration comes from the type, size, and number of blades. Each different blade, or blade combination, will cause the spinner bait to react differently. So, it is a matter of deciding what is best for the lake(s) you fish. A colorado blade causes more vibration than the indiana or willow leaf, and a single spin will produce more vibrations than other combinations. The flash also comes primarily from the blade. By varying the size or color and using either a hammered or smooth surface, you can change the vibration and the flash. Flash and color are usually dictated by the time of the year and the water conditions.

All the variables are enough to make your head hurt trying to figure it out, so I have taken the easy way out. Most of my spinner baits are 1/4 oz. single spins with 3/0 hooks and .040" wire. I use rubber skirts, #4 colorado blades, and ball-bearing snap swivels. Rubber skirts are more flexible and life-like and when they are put on backwards, they provide greater bulk. The #4 colorado blade with a ball bearing snap swivel gives a good vibration and lets me fish the lure very slow or buzz it across the surface with equal assurance of blade spin. The snap swivel allows you to change

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blades to meet the water conditions.

Once you have all your tools and materials together, follow these steps:

1. Although it may not be necessary, put a small 90° bend in the short end of the spinner bait wire form. The eye of the hook will go over this bend and the combination will be inside the lead head.

2. When heating the lead, place your pour pot on a stable, firm surface to prevent tipping. The heat generated by the pot is quite high so I use a couple of bricks to hold the pot. If you are using dirty lead, such as wheel weights, the slag can be skimmed off with a spoon.

3. Pre-heat the mold by pouring several "blanks." If the mold is cold, the lead tends to solidify before it has had a chance to flow to the farthest parts of the mold. Until you get the feel of pouring lead, a slow cautious pour is suggested to prevent splattering the lead all over. I usually pour over an old metal wash basin to catch the occasional splatter or over-fill.

4. When the mold is sufficiently heated and you are confident in your pouring abilities, lay the hook and spinner bait wire form in the grooves in the mold. You may have to remove your gloves for this, but be sure to put them back on before you start pouring again.

5. Hold mold firmly shut and pour a small stream of lead into the top.

6. Hold the mold for a few seconds to allow the lead to set, then pop the head out of the mold.

7. After the heads have cooled down, the slug of excess lead can be cut off with a set of dykes and the flashing can be filed off.

8. Now cut the tail wire to the desired length. A short wire will help eliminate short strikes, but a long tail wire will make the spinner bait more weedless. Again I strike a happy medium and usually cut the tail wire even with the point of the hook.

9. If you desire, paint the heads. An epoxy paint seems to hold up best to the pounding your spinner bait gets. A base, or primer, coat with one thin final coat is recommended. Too much paint will chip very easily. You can let the heads dry overnight between coats, or you can hang them in the oven for about 30 mins. at 225° F.

10. If you intend to make tandem spins you will need four, 5/32" beads, a clevis, and a blade one size smaller than your main blade.

11. With a round nose pliers, form a small U at the end of the tail wire. Now attach the snap swivel and clamp the U shut with regular pliers. A standard brass snap swivel is adequate for most applications but, the more expensive ball-bearing swivel allows a much slower retrieve while maintaining vibrations.

12. For the final touch, dress the spinner bait with the material of your choice. If you use a skirt, it should be about 2½" long and reversed (put on backward). Putting the skirt on backward will give a ballooning effect that adds to the action.

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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MAKE YOUR OWN LIVE BAIT TANK

by Pete Barrett

"Two ways to keep baits lively, plus a built-in wash down system."

"There ain't nothing like the real thing, Baby," is a line from a popular hit song that sums up the feelings of many fresh and salt water fishermen. The "real thing" being live baits to catch their favorite fish.

On a day-in, day-out basis it is hard to beat the success of fishing with live baits. For the novice, live bait makes catching fish easier (maybe) than casting plugs or trolling with lures he doesn't know much about. For the experienced charter or private boater live bait is often responsible for fooling the largest members of every game fish clan.

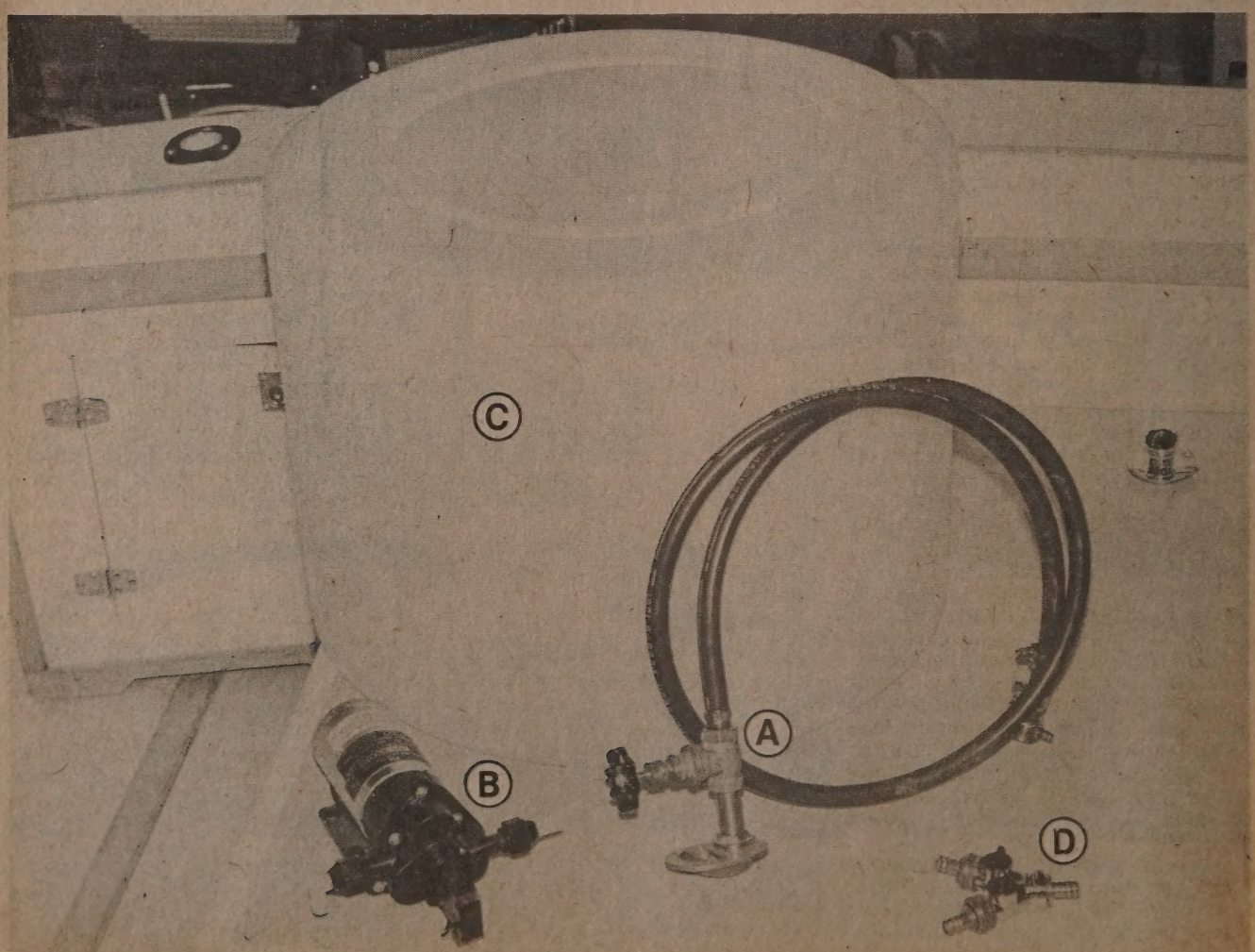
Many boats, like big water center console rigs or freshwater bass boats, have built-in live wells. The aeration system is perfect for a live well set up, being easy to install and durable. Since the live well is usually constructed below decks or hidden in a seat, there is no extra tank or cooler to get in your way while fishing.

One note of caution with aeration systems. The pump can get fouled with fish scales. I use a plastic screen to wrap around the small pump to prevent scales from clogging the intake ports.

The purist who strictly plugs, trolls or perhaps fly casts may look at the bait fisherman with a certain air of disdain, yet a good bait fisherman has to put just as much effort and thought behind how he rigs, where he fishes and how he gets his baits as the fly rodder does in tying up exotic patterns, or the plugger in perfecting his casting ability.

The most important part of live bait fishing is actually getting the bait itself. However, before you can use the bait, you must have an efficient way to keep that bait alive for a long period of time. Keeping that in mind, we'll take a look at aeration systems and bait tanks before we go get the bait.

There are two systems you can



The components (A) pick-up and sea-cock, (B) pump, (C) Caddy Company tank, (D) Wye fitting for washdown.

choose from and your choice depends primarily on how you fish and the type baits you fish with. Killies are the easiest baits to keep alive. They can be kept in a square tank made from a fiberglass cooler; bunker require a more elaborate approach.

The two choices are aeration tanks or water circulating tanks. The simplest is the aeration; the more involved is the circulating system.

AERATION SYSTEMS:

Killies and small baits like shiners keep well in a simple aeration tank. Marine Metal Products markets a system that installs in an Igloo style cooler and utilizes a small bilge pump to circulate water through a tube with many holes in it. As the water passes through the tube, it sprays into the tank in small streams or jets of water aerating the water in the tank to bring vital oxygen to the baits.

A white cooler of 12 - 48 gallon capacity will keep the water from heating up too quickly in the cooler. I made the mistake of using a red cooler to make my first tank and found that after a morning's fishing, my baits were dying quickly. The water in the tank was obviously much warmer to the touch than the water we fished in. I used an epoxy paint to make the cooler white and also found that on a long day's fishing, a change of sea water can add to the life of the baits.

WATER CIRCULATING SYSTEMS

Larger baits like bunker don't live long in a tank that has no water current. The aeration may give them enough oxygen, but without a current to "swim" in, the baits will die. If you also plan to keep large numbers of baits for bass fishing a larger tank is necessary.

The best system will be a large circular tank of 35 to 55 gallons with a freshwater pick-up and a pump to flush lots of fresh sea water into the tank. Caddy Company, listed in The Fisherman classified ads, makes one of the best tanks we've ever come across. Because they are circular, the baits can swim in the tank. Square tanks cause the baits to get nosed in the corners and then they die from exhaustion or from remaining stationary and not passing enough fresh water through their gills to get enough oxygen.

TANK SIZE

The size tank you use depends on your own personal fishing methods. A friend who fishes almost exclusively for big weaks with live snappers uses a smallish tank of about 25 gallons. My own boat has a 55 gallon tank to keep up to 30 bunker alive and frisky. In the winter we also use the boat in Florida for sails and kings, keeping up to 100 ballyhoo and pilchards alive in the tank.

THE PUMP

You need a pump capable of pushing 3 to 5 gallons a minute through the tank. There are many on the market made by several companies like Jabsco, Rhule and Water Puppy. A pump with a bronze impellor is better than a pump with a nylon impellor since the nylon, if it heats up, can melt. The bronze will not be so susceptible to over-heating.

When mounting the pump, find an easily serviced spot. You WILL replace impellors once a year or more.

THE PLUMBING

The bronze pick-up strainer can be mounted directly through the hull or mounted off the transom on a stainless steel angle bracket. The through-hull mount is the superior method. Install a seacock shut-off valve between the pump and the pick-up strainer in case the pump ever fails or comes loose so you can make the hull water-tight.

A hose can go directly from the pump to the bait tank, or if you want to use the pump as a saltwater washdown, install a wye fitting in the line. One leg goes to the tank; the other to a washdown hose. Keep the washdown leg shut off most of the time. It won't affect the pumping ability to the bait tank.

Wherever possible, it is best to use stainless hose clamps and bronze threaded fittings. Avoid the inexpensive white plastic bendable hosing made for bilge pumps. Use heavy duty hose similar to the type used for washing machines and heavy marine use.

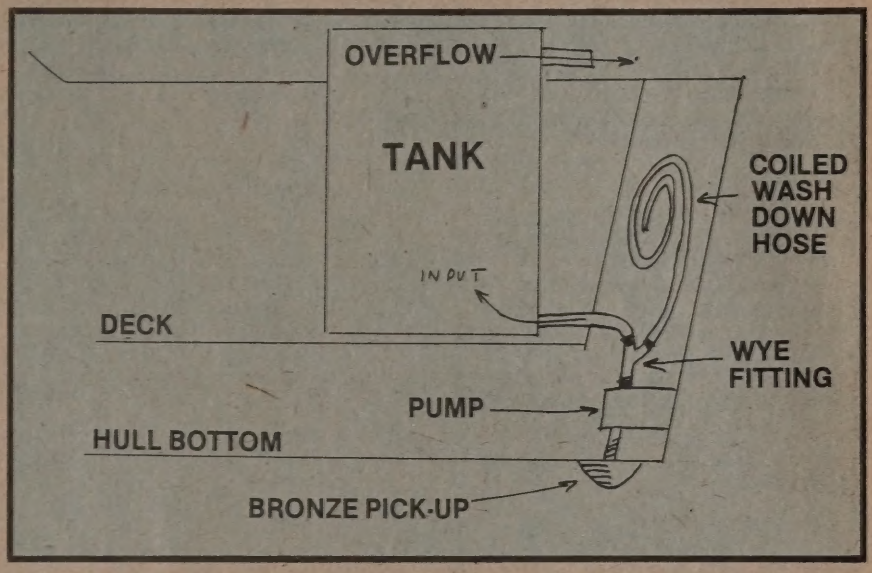
Where the hose must come through a deck or bulkhead, use a threaded capped fitting so you can disconnect the hose and tank when not in use and stow the entire tank leaving only the cap to show.

The intake hose should be low on the tank while the overflow fitting must be near the top of the tank. Be aware that some pumps now have an automatic shut-off if too much pressure builds up along the hose line. This type pump may not be able to push water through a low intake fitting because of the weight of the water pressure in the tank. Use a different pump or a higher intake position.

The overflow can be allowed to simply flow onto the deck if the tank is positioned at the transom, or you can use a hose to direct the overflow along the gun'ls to a through-hull fitting which then dumps the water outside the hull.

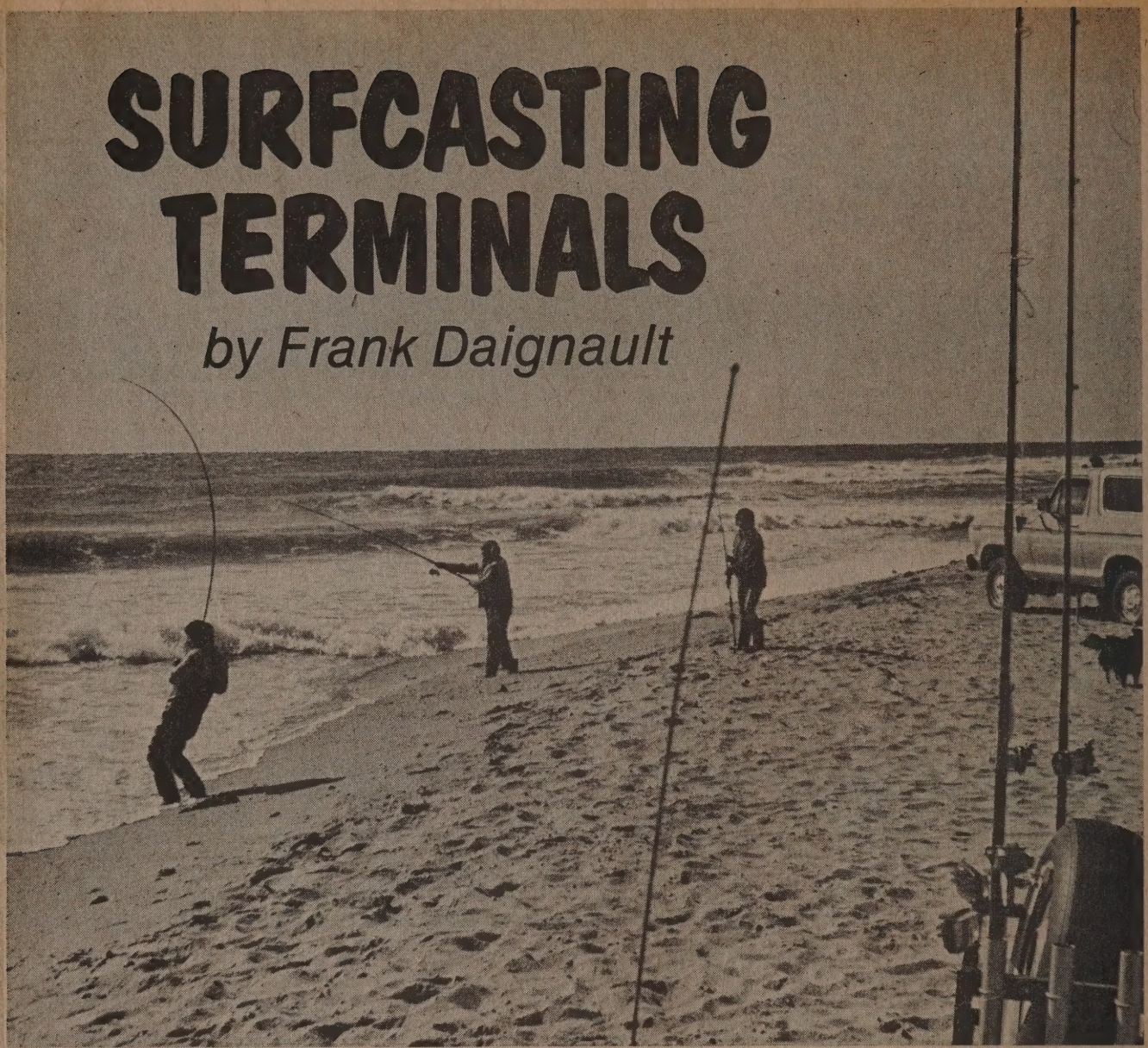
Since every boat is different, we cannot recommend specific mounting locations for your pump and tank. The diagram, however, shows the sequence of the mounts and you should have little trouble adapting the system to your own boat. If you have more fishing ability than mechanical ability, see your local boat shop or dealer. Usually they will be glad to help you install the system or they can do it entirely themselves.

Finished tank positioned for convenience while fishing without cluttering up the cockpit.



SURFCASTING TERMINALS

by Frank Daignault



Angler on the far left has a fish on. Will his terminal tackle hold?

I'll guess that nine out of ten of the so-called break-offs that occur while fighting a fish happen at the terminal end—the point where the line is attached either to the hook or lure, or where it is tied to a stronger leader. Of course, there are other factors that determine your overall success, but all things being equal, if where you attach rig or lure isn't right, you're going to lose some fish.

Breaking off has become a figure of speech for what is really, if we are to examine it closely, more often knot failure. The very nature of knots is such that they tend to destroy line. Therefore, it is important that you choose a knot that gives a strength as near as possible to 100% of the rated knot strength. Probably the best test for this is to tie a length of fishing line to something and pull until it breaks. A good knot will hold while the line parts at some point between. If you can achieve that, you have 100% knot strength—a knot as strong as the line. Way back when I first recognized the importance of surfcasting, I invented what was simply the routine clinch knot, only tied with double line. I felt cool and innovative about it for a few years until books taught me that a fellow named Stu Apte came up with it first. I view it as the nearest thing to perfect. I've wanted to get talk of knots out of the way to deal with all the other stuff.

Whenever possible avoid all garbage at the end of a casting line. Many plugs, like Rebels, RedFins and such, work best with no terminals at all. We tie ours direct, which leaves only one place to fail. With a spinning outfit I'd never bother with a leader unless some outside influences were indicated that we'll be talking about. The mono is, within itself, a fine leader. Keep in mind that thick leaders are visible and often act as a distraction to wary game fish. If you are fishing a small plug, its action is compromised by the weighty leader. A common mistake made with the little, Finland-type plugs is the placement of a gawd-awful snap swivel for attaching it. We've cleaned up while guys couldn't figure what was wrong with their gear. No big striper will eat a sand-eel with buck-teeth and braces. The dummy who knows nothing will tie a plug to his line, while the guy with a little bit of knowledge will anticipate the possibility of bluefish and place a wire leader ahead of the plug. He may not lose his plug to bluefish, but he may be wondering why he isn't catching any stripers. Again, hardware in the plug's fore ruins the action, sinks the plug, and affects its appearance. Of course, when the sea is loaded with choppers and you are blasting poppers among them with bluefish in mind, a wire leader is basic.

Many situations require the use of terminal hardware like barrels or swivels, snaps, and snap-swivels. However necessary they may be, never forget that their presence is a compromise; less a compromise, however, if kept on the small side and this can only be accomplished with quality. Nameless imports not only cost lures, but more important, they

cost the fish. Their necessity arises when using teasers or droppers as a neutral member for attaching the two leaders to. And, when using some of the big plugs like Atoms or Pikies you'll want at least a snap to help the plug's action and facilitate changing. Many tins wobble better when attached to a snap, and some have such dangerous attaching holes that they would fray any knot. But when using a bucktail jig, never have a snap for grabbing it: tie direct. Many plugs, because of the nature of their design, place enormous mechanical advantages at the disposal of the fish. Pikie fishermen are always wondering how a striper could straighten the front 4/0 treble on their plug. Both the design and size of the plug occasionally create a lever that imposes hook straightening stresses and, as a result, these forces, with the angler's help, can be lethal to snap swivels. Cheap junk breaks sooner. Another function of the snap swivel comes into play if you want to leave the plug in a fish to get back in sooner. There's nothing wrong with this utilization, but many casters think they have forgotten to close the snap when the leader comes back, sans plug, after a good hit. More often what really happens is that erratic bouncing will open a snap, particularly that which is caused by bluefish. It's a good idea to check the closure of a snap after every contact.

Barrels or swivels perform the dual functions of giving you something to tie to and preventing line twist. The latter is less of a problem for people casting than it is for those dragging line behind a boat. Unless you are doggone sure you know what you're doing, line to line splices are probably the most dangerous connections you'll ever make. The long, so-called "shocker leaders" have left more good men languishing in tears than they've ever helped. As I said earlier, the nature of knots is self-destructive. With shockers, all break-offs occur where the running line is tied to the heavier shocker. Doubling a line has no value whatsoever and only creates a weak point. Either of the above subjects the knot to vicious pounding upon the guides which, I suspect, contributes to early deterioration. Spin fishermen need never agonize because mono, the line, is the safest leader of all. Conventional or fixed spool surfcasters, what few are left, face the thorny problem without escape because you can't tie micron right to the eye of a plug. Most use a heavy mono shocker—50 or 60 lb.—that goes back to one turn on the reel. Loaded for bear with 45 lb. braid and a tuna leader, they pamper big bass because they know they can't trust the splice. Were they to pull on the back fence with a little line out they would be surprised at how easily their setup parts. Line and leader must be connected via a barrel and it cannot be west of any guide. Most conventional casters use a short trail from tip to lure which means the leader has to be short—too short. Only solution that I can envision is learning to cast with a longer leader.

Terminal hardware is important enough, necessary enough, for you to have a special box for its storage and containerization. Mine is one of those yellow, plastic Vichex boxes, 4½" by 2¾" with four compartments to keep them from mixing. (I think the little suckers crawl over the walls during the day to fraternize.) A glimpse into mine exposes a lot of the problems. Old barrels, whether they have a snap or not, have wear that cannot be seen because it is inside the center encasement. Barrels or swivels will eventually pull apart because you can only strain your guts on so many tons of bluefish. Snaps take a lot of strain, bending, and what is happening metallurgically cannot be seen with the eye. You can only bend a thin wire so many times before it fails through work hardening. With today's bluefish, hardware that touches mono should be black as bright colors, like chrome, flash and draw strikes where you don't want them, snipping your line. There is no such thing as black stainless. Consequently, most black hardware is a composition of brass which, while it will not rust, will corrode at its smaller, weaker points, causing failure.

Partly in reiteration, I must re-emphasize that the wise caster holds knots and terminal hardware to a minimum. Each is a potential point of failure either through faulty manufacture, marginal quality, or inadequate angler judgment. Extra hardware collects gunk which has to be cleaned off, or turns up "fire" (phosphorescent plankton) to scare fish, or simply distracts a potentially otherwise vulnerable game fish. Your tackle has to be subtle and strong.

I've made all the mistakes, even after I thought I knew what I was doing. I remember buying my wife, Joyce, a new spinner—a still, very well made job that was perfect for fishing rigged eels. The fellow who wound it threw in a handful of barrels because I had been eyeing them, like so many tackle shop people will do for a good customer. That night she stuck a fish, then pouted because her line was broken. But when it came in, there was the ring, what was left of a brand new barrel, still tied to her 20 lb. mono. I don't blame the proprietor. He didn't make the terminal and would have put a bass in the box for her if he could; and he would have agonized over the loss as much as I. The culprit is Joyce's husband, or maybe Joyce herself. When you tie it all to the end of a line, what you are doing is tantamount to packing a parachute: if it ain't going to work, you may as well kiss your you-know-what goodbye. For that reason, I like to drape the bottom hook on a ring near the bumper spikes of my buggy and pull harder than I plan to be pulled. I've put it together; it has to be right, and if it doesn't cut it, there is only one person to blame.

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BACK BAY FLOUNDER

by Gerald Hahn

Piers and bulkheads bordering mainland creeks and canals provide the shorebound angler with a good shot at flatties.

How early does the flounder fishing season get under way? Along the banks of the Shinnecock Canal you will find a warm day in February bringing out many flounder addicts—myself among them. Here, in fact, I once caught and released a postage stamp specimen on New Year's Day. On the other hand, boat fishermen traditionally open the flounder season on St. Patrick's Day, while the majority of shore-bound anglers follow the tradition of trout fishermen who begin in April.

At this cool time of the early spring season, the best spots are located in back-bay areas, near river mouths and creek entrances—places where a smaller body of water meets a larger one. For in these calm tributaries, rich with mud bottom, the temperature rises quickly, and flounder start feeding after **their** winter's rest. Tiny organisms are swept in and out of these backwater systems in the same way that larger prey is pulled through treacherous inlets. For the sluggish flounder looking for an easy meal and for the sluggish fisherman looking for his first catch of the season, a back-bay spot is a likely meeting place.

Briefly in the early spring, sharp anglers catch some large spawning flounder from these shallow waters, fish close to 2 lbs. For the most part, however, they range up to about a pound. Though small, these flatfish are great sport on light tackle.

Unfortunately, many surf men fish for flounder with heavy tackle when a 6' spinning rod and a small matching reel filled with 6-8 lb. test is more than adequate. Even better matched to the typical flounder at this time is an ultra-light outfit or freshwater gear, with 4 lb. test.

Flounder rigs may be fashioned several ways with various hooks. Most fishermen use #10 to #12 Chestertown hooks on 12" snells of 20 or 30 lb. test. I think that short-shank Beaks or Claws are more effective; in fact, I often bring even smaller freshwater hooks, snelled on leaders of 10 lb. test, since the fish are both finicky and small. The most popular rig for flounder is tandem tied with two hooks, the end of one snell to the middle of the other. A snap swivel is usually tied to the end of the fishing line with an improved clinch knot and holds the hooks as well as the sinker, a bank style weighing no more than an ounce. Many fishermen believe that bright colors attract flounder, and consequently, paint the sinker fluorescent red or yellow. Red is more visible on light bottom; yellow on dark bottom. Where the current is sluggish, a lighter rig is fashioned with a couple of split shot sinkers or a clinch sinker on the line, just above the snelled hooks. At such times, other fishermen prefer a fishfinder rig, with a sliding egg sinker on the line above a barrel swivel. The swivel prevents the sinker from striking the hooks, and the sliding sinker makes it easier to detect the faintest nibble. On the other hand, when the current is strong, or when the water is full of tidal debris, I find that a hi-lo rig is often the most effective. Although

A typical "back bay" flattie taken in early spring. Note tandem hook rig.

this rig is seldom used for flounder fishing, I have taken large flounder in a running current on the top hook, which clears the debris and, at the same time, remains within the feeding zone of the fish. A hi-lo rig is formed with the bottom hook and the snap swivel, as before, but with the top hook connected to a dropper loop on the main line about 13" above the first hook.

A flounder may not be less intelligent than other species, but he's a sucker nonetheless, since he has no teeth. Consequently, a variety of soft baits, such as bloodworms, sand worms, earthworms, clams and mussels, will catch him. In recent years, flounder fishermen have had great success with a corn kernel combined with one of the above. In fact, some tackle shops now have flounder rigs with a plastic corn kernel attached. Equally effective, though less widely known, is a hook dressed with yellow bucktail or feathers and tipped with a natural bait. The reason for these variations become evident when the flatties are in a finicky mood. Bringing along several kinds of bait and trying different combinations increases the chance to catch fish. Any of the worms mentioned should be cut in small segments and threaded on the hook so that a little dangles below the point. Clams should be sliced thinly, as well, and twisted and impaled on the hook several times, once again letting a bit dangle below. Some fishermen dye their clams with food coloring for greater visibility or for impersonating the more expensive worms. Favored hues are red, yellow and violet. Mussels are particularly deadly in the spring, but require gentle handling because they are so soft. A gob of mussel should be baited like clams on the thinnest hooks you have. Other effective baits to consider, though perhaps difficult to acquire, are hermit crabs and tape worms. The hermit's soft abdomen is relished as much by flounders as by tautog, and is rigged in the same manner as a worm. Tape worms are occasionally found in the stomachs of fish and shellfish, and these flat, off-white creatures make an excellent bait, as well. Many times, a combination of two baits on a hook works better than a single bait, and, therefore, bringing two rods and using four hooks offers the variety a spring flounder may want.

When fishing in a narrow tributary, chumming with crushed mussels, clams, corn, cat food, even broken eggshells or sand, will often draw the flounder to the baited rig. Flounder are attracted to small glistening particles suspended in the water, for these resemble the micro-organisms on which they feed. Scatter the chum at regular intervals from the up-current side of your fishing spot, so that it will settle near the baited rig. Likewise, stirring up the bottom with a long-handled weight, or dragging the sinker slowly through the mud, or raising and lowering the sinker to create "puffs of smoke," catches the flounder's attention. For the most part, however, flounder fishing is performed with the rig lying more or less motionless on the bottom.

Some spring flounder are very aggressive and hook themselves. I once saw an unusually robust flounder jerk a surf rod out of a sand spike, so forceful was the hit. However, the majority of the fish are sluggish at this time of the year and require a delicate touch. Pause at the faintest nibble, and give the flounder a chance to suck in the bait. If nothing follows, try lifting the rod slowly, a foot or so, and then lowering it again. Sometimes a flounder engulfs the bait and then lies absolutely still. In any case, even if the fish has not taken the bait, but is still nearby, he may react when he sees the bait attempting to "escape." He will then leap up, grab it, and dive for the safety of the bottom. A quick, flick of the wrist is all that's needed to set the hook.

Almost every bay in Long Island has a network of tributaries feeding into it. Let's take a look at the north side of Moriches Bay as an example. To the west are John's Neck Creek, Sheeppen Creek, Pattersquash Creek, Lawrence Creek, Home Creek and Lons Creek. Heading east to the Bay's central area, between Moriches to East Moriches, is the Forge River (with numerous tributaries as well), Mud Creek, Senix Creek, Areskonk Creek, Orchard Neck Creek, the Terrell River, Tuthill Cove and Hart Cove. In the eastern sector is Seatuck Cove, the Speonk River, Quantuck Bay and two canals named Quantuck and Quogue.

My early spring fishing generally begins in Moriches Bay's east end, because that's where the boat fishermen head. In this area, the Bay is a good distance from both Shinnecock Inlet and Moriches Inlet and, consequently, the current meanders slowly over mud bottom, where the first flounders stir. Later on, the fish spread out to the other tributaries, and can be caught there. Generally, the best spots are at the confluence of a tributary and the bay. All the other south shore bays, as well as the east end bays and north-side harbors, have similar configurations and you should familiarize yourself with those you intend to fish.

Since the tributaries are fragile environments, susceptible to wind, rain and sediment runoff, it is best to fish during a spell of calm weather. Fishing around a tidal change is generally the best, although spring flounders will feed on any running tide. In early spring, arriving at dawn is not essential; in fact, it may be better to fish later in the day, when the sun has warmed the water sufficiently to arouse the fish.

Arouse yourself by checking out the back-bay spots mentioned or those in other bays and harbors and get your spring flounder fishing off to an early start.

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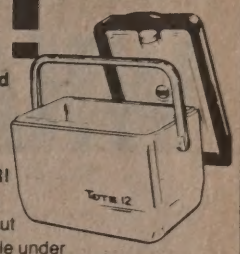

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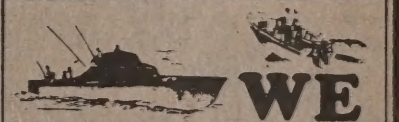

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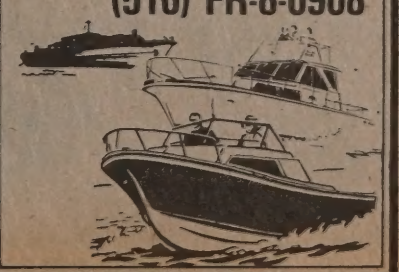


ON THE MARKET:

WHAT'S NEW IN REELS

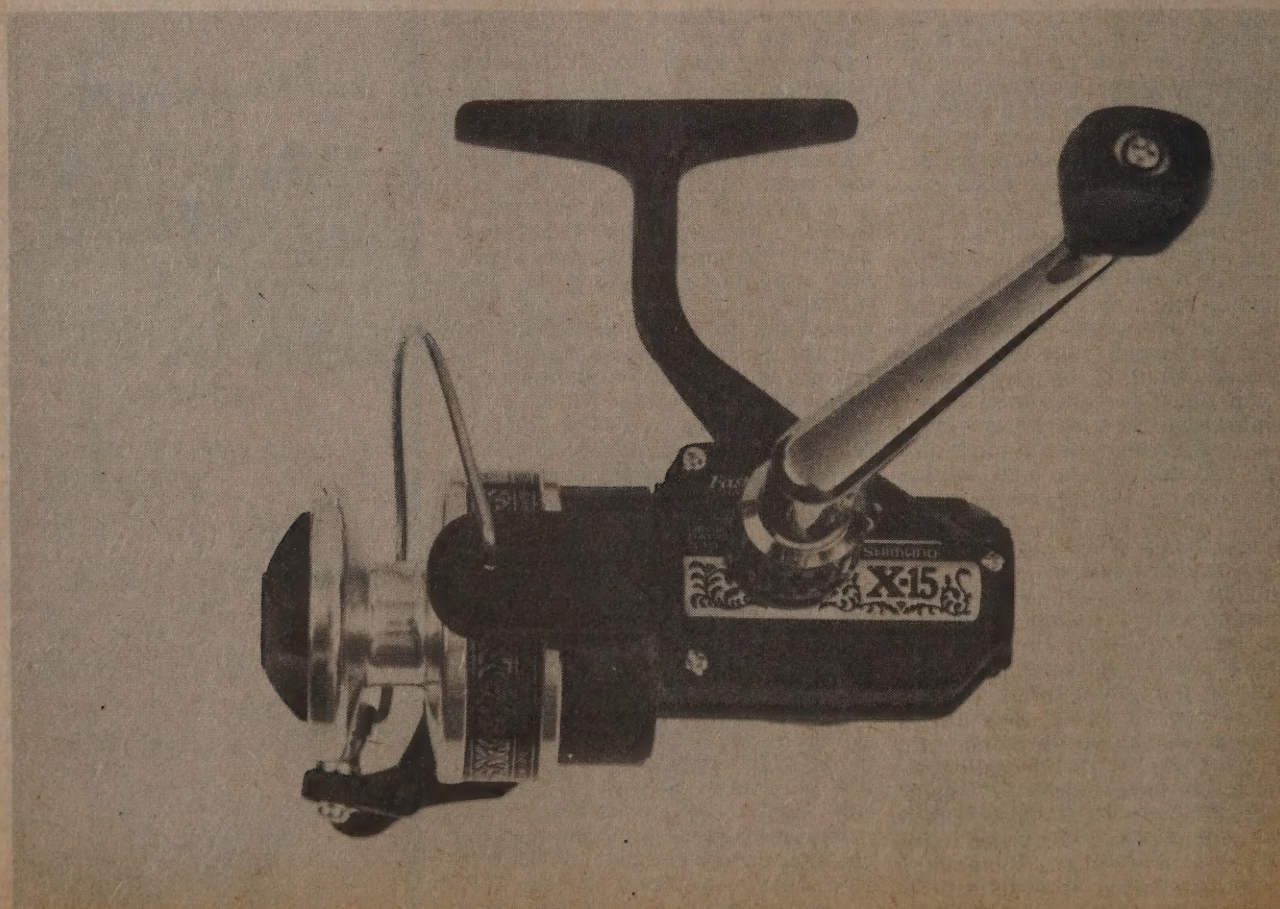
Part Two — *by Al Ristori*

Zebco is featuring over 50 new products in its 32nd year, and is making a special effort to gain bigger shares of the open face spinning and saltwater markets. The Sterling 7000 series skirted spool (all spinning models referred to in this article are skirted spool unless otherwise specified) reels feature high gear ratios, ball bearings, and silent, selective anti-reverse. Four of the models have pop-off spools and drags in the spool, but the 7025 (135 yards of 10 lb.) has a rear-mounted drag and self-centering bail. The other models are the ultra-light 7000 (7.8 oz., 130 yards of 4 lb.), 7010 (9.5 oz., 185 yards of 6 lb.); 7020 (11.6 oz., 165 yards of 10 lb.); and 7050 (18.5 oz., 180 yards of 20 lb.). Last year's 6000 series has been expanded with the addition of the ultra-light 6000 (7.6 oz., 130 yards of 4 lb.).

Zebco practically owns the big spincast (or closed-face) market, but still comes up with new products in that field. The 20/20 was successfully introduced last year with a "never-miss" pickup system. This year, that principle has been used in a larger model: the 20/30. The new spincaster comes with 90 yards of 14 lb. Also new is the 164 under-the-rod closed-face model. This is the largest of that series (165 yards of 14 lb.) which enables the angler to utilize the convenience of a closed-face reel on a spinning rod. Line is released by means of a trigger, rather than a button.

Abu-Garcia's new Cardinal 700 series is proving to be a best-seller. The Cardinals have long been regarded as being among the finest of spinning reels, but the Swedish craftmanship resulted in a price tag that put these models out of the range of many anglers. However, Abu has transferred this portion of their operation to the Orient, and the result is a Cardinal series at new low prices. There are four 700 models featuring rear-mounted drag, double race ball bearings, and high gear ratios. The ultra-light 752 holds 180 yards of 6 lb., weighs 6.5 oz. and has a 5.4-1 gear ratio. The 753 has the same gear ratio, weighs 7.6 oz. and takes 230 yards of 6 lb. The 754 weighs 10.8 oz., holds 150 yards of 12 lb. and has a 4.9-1 gear ratio. Finally, there's the 755 at 13.8 oz., with a capacity of 275 yards of 12 lb. and a 4.5-1 gear ratio.

There's little new in the Ambassadeur baitcasting series, except for the unprecedented Ambassadeur 10 year warranty. Garcia will repair or replace any Ambassadeur within 10 years of the date of purchase if the gears or any of the performance features malfunction due to defective materials or workmanship. The new 5500C and 5600C models are improved, lighter, stronger versions of the 5500CA and 5600CA. The 8600 Striper model is



New Shimano X-15 Fast Cast spinning reel.

still shown in the catalog, but is being discontinued. This is a non-level wind model that holds 375 yards of 20 lb. and is the reel that was used by Bob Rocchetta in catching his 76 lb. world record striper at Montauk last year. This reel is very similar to the much more expensive 9000, except for the dual gear ratio and stainless steel ball bearings. However, it's a great value at the price and most of the Montauk live eel pros favor it because of the pushbutton clutch. Garcia also has a new 9900 super-light (5.5 oz., 180 yards of 6 lb.) spinning reel and a new series of Abu-Matic spincast reels which are now being made in the Orient at lower prices.

A last minute, mid-year introduction by Garcia is the Ambassadeur 1000—a low profile baitcaster shaped more like the Daiwa Procasters and Shimano Bantams than traditional Ambassadeurs. However, this brushed chrome beauty is coming in at a surprisingly low price, though it still carries the Ambassadeur 10-year warranty. A unique feature of this model is a palming thumb rest which provides a platform upon which to rest the left thumb while palming the reel. The 1000 should become available in March.

Shimano last year successfully introduced the MLX spinning reels with the Fast Cast System. This system involves a bail trigger which opens the bail so one-handed operation is a reality. The two models produced last year had high gear ratios, and Shimano has now added two more of almost the same size with low (power) gear ratios. The X-15 has a 3.1-1 gear ratio, weighs 10.4 oz. and takes 175 yards of 6 lb. The X-25 has a 3.4-1 gear ratio, weighs 12.9 oz. and holds 190 yards of 12 lb. The popular Bantam baitcasting series has a new entry in the Bantam 10, a less expensive version of the Bantam 100 with sintered bronze Max-Flite bushings instead of stainless steel ball bearings.

In addition, Super Gears (30% stronger than those used previously) have been incorporated into all of the Bantams except for the 400 and 500. A 200-size Bantam 201 is now available for "true right-handed casting." In other words, the handle is on the left side—which means that you can cast with your right hand and reel with your left, thus eliminating the switching of the rod. The Ambassadeur 5001-C is the only other such baitcaster on the market. The Shimano Triton conventionals are gaining in popularity and have eliminated some problems that existed in the original drag systems.

Lew Childre created a lot of excitement last year with the introduction of the BB-1N baitcasting reel with backlash-resistant "V" spool. Later in the year the larger BB-2N (230 yards of 17 lb.) was added to this series. This year Childre is jumping in with a new Speed Spin series. The four models feature internal bail trips,

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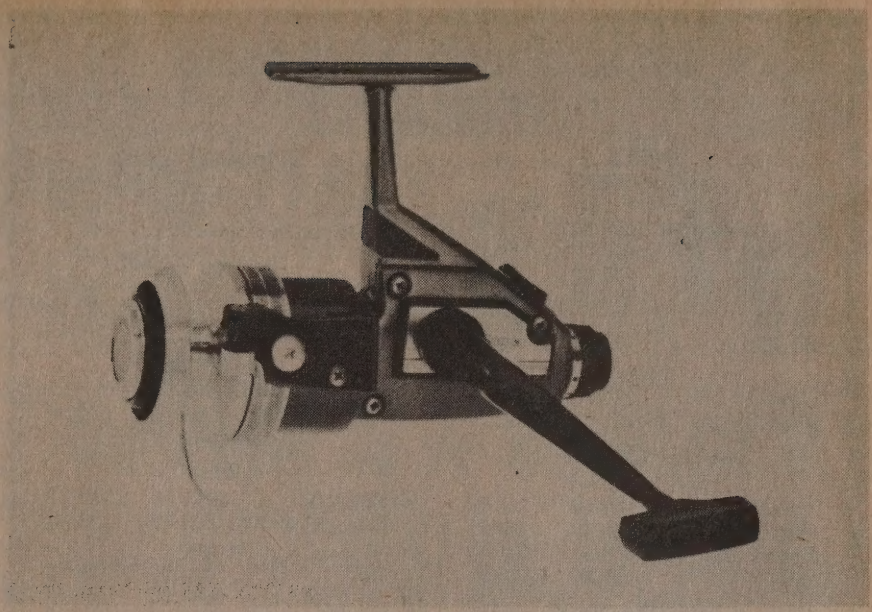
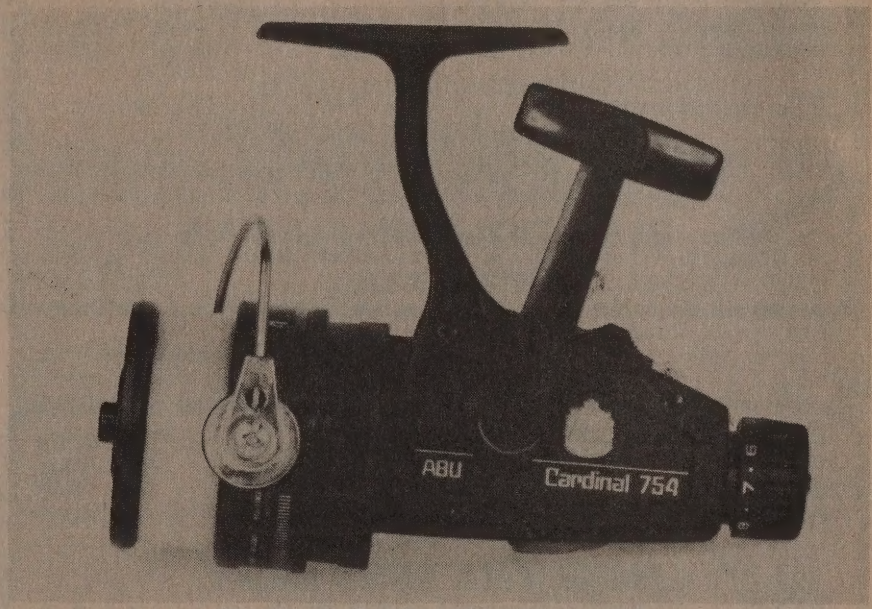


New Zebco Sterling 7025 spinning reel.



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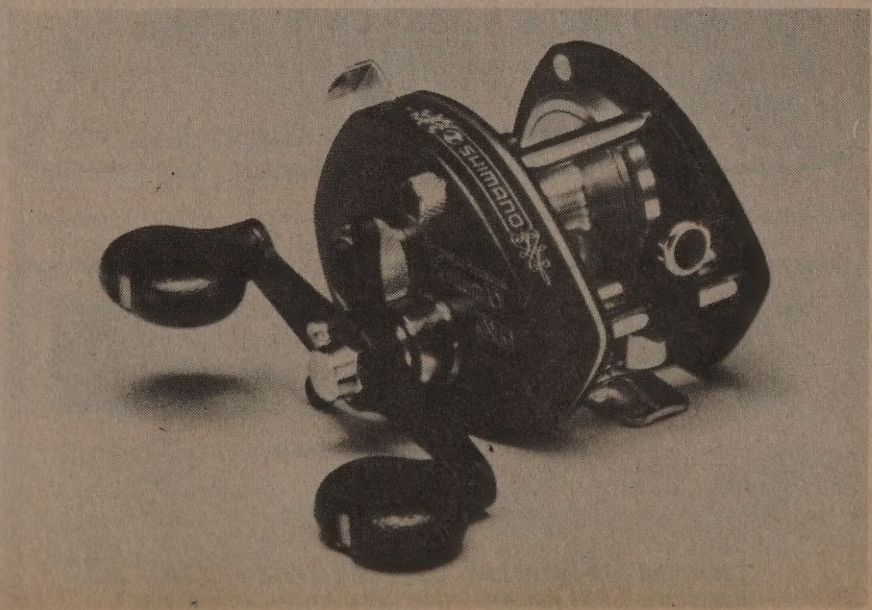

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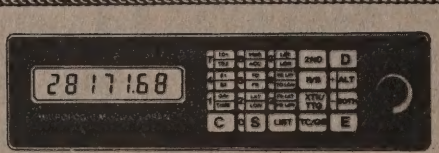

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Quick has added two new series of spinning reels for 1982. The Finessa XL series from D.A.M. of West Germany features five models from ultra-light to saltwater. All have a double skirted spool for extra-strength, silent anti-reverse, and a ribbed reel stand that can serve as a hook holder. Both the ultra-light 11XL (8.7 oz., 200 yards of 6 lb.) and light 121XL (11.5 oz., 190 yards of 8 lb.) have 5.25-1 gear ratios while the 222XL (13.2 oz., 200 yards of 10 lb.) is 5-1. The 333XL holds 250 yards of 10 lb., weighs 14.6 oz. and has a gear ratio of 4.75-1. Largest is the 444XL at 16.9 oz., with a capacity of 240 yards of 15 lb. and a 4.5-1 gear ratio. The Clipper series from the Orient includes four inexpensive models with pushbutton spools, rear drags and internal trips on all but the smallest. The Quick Champion baitcasting reels have also been changed and now have a new clutch system.

Fly fishermen may be interested in the new Eagle Claw Blue Diamond single action models from Wright & McGill (sizes for #6 and #7 lines with backing), and the new MG8 single action from Martin. Martin has also reduced the weight of their multiple action MG72 in order to better match the popular graphite and boron fly rods. Orvis now has a large capacity fly reel that at 5½ oz. is half the weight of a comparable Fin-Nor. The Featherweight SSS will take WF9F line with 150 yards of backing and is perfectly suited for those light graphite and boron/graphite rods. A rubber control on the rim permits palming of the spool for additional drag. This reel can be used in freshwater or salt and sells for $252.

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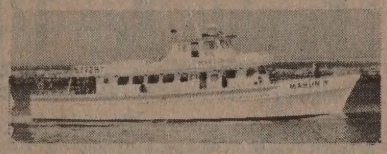

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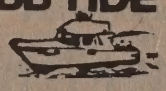

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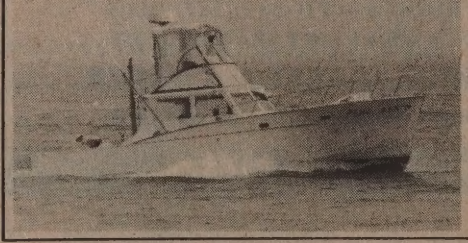

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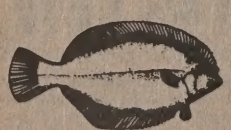

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Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

Captain Richie Rade's **Marlin IV** scored with 70 cod Saturday in the rain and roughly 80 cod in Sunday's brisk wind. Fish were caught up to 20 lbs. and the skipper says they were hitting light. Cartwright was the spot and all fish were on bait. No pollack yet. Some fares had 8-10 cod. The boat is now sailing on a daily schedule.

Captain Paul Forsberg, Jr. of the **Viking Star** tells us that though Wednesday's codfishing was slow, action bounced back Thursday with 8 men decking 180 cod, fish going 3-8 lbs. The pool fish was in the 30s. Friday was a fair day, but the weekend was a little tougher due to wind and sea conditions. Pollack are expected within the next two weeks said Paul. On Sunday's trip George Downs of Montauk hoisted 12 cod to 30 lbs. George is an 87-year-old regular on the boat. Catches were decent, averaging 5-8 cod a man. This was at Cartwright and the CIA Grounds. Block Island has been poor due to the abundance of Rhode Island gill nets being fished there. The **Viking Starship** fishing out of Key West, Florida on the Dry Tortugas grounds, had 4,000 lbs. of fish on Tuesday trip for 25 anglers. Largest was taken by John Magnioldi, a 41 lb. cravera snapper. Bob Wordsworth had a 27 lb. cravera, while John Wordsworth had a 56 lb. cobia. Most of the fish are muttons, black grouper and yellowtails.

Bob and Susan Verga with a mess of teen-sized blues taken last fall. Action took place aboard the "Viking Star" at Cartwright.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

MORICHES BAY

Flounder action in the Moriches area was limited to the sheltered confines of the Quogue Canal. Buoy 54 has been the scene of some very good catches, as has buoy 7A. Fog hindered Saturday's effort for many, while Sunday's wind made fishing the open bay impossible.

Jim DeVito of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** had several fine scores to report from buoy 54 despite a light turnout. Joe Winowiecki and Bill Leven had 65 flatties including a 2 lber. on Saturday. Same day, Joe Sander took 40 flatties. On Sunday, Bob Braun, Chris Platt and Howie Weiner took 65 nice flatties despite the wind. Mussels, clams and worms have all proven effective. Chumming is a big plus according to Jim.

Al Lassen of **Hi-Way Fishing Station** has also been steering his rentals up to the buoy 54 area. Among the few boats that sailes in the weekend's fog and rain, Bob, John, and Lenny Alese took nearly 80 fish, most in the 3/4 to 1 lb. class on outgoing water. They used worms and mussel chum. Joe Hernandez of the Patchogue Fishing Club, John Denninger, and George Lundwall had an equal amount of flatties up to 1¼ lbs. They used mussels and mussel chum.

Over at **L&M Marine**, Jim Green looked over a catch of 150 flounder made at buoy 7A by Joe and Tony zingalli, Jim Acquavella and Bob Scarlato. They worked outgoing water with sand worms and mussel chum. Largest fish was a 1¾ lber.

From **Silly Lily Fishing Station,** Gary reported flatfishing off to a good start. In addition to the Canal, Gary spoke of fish at buoy 44 when weather permits. Joe Calandra and Walter Doherty divided their time on Thursday between buoys 44 and 54 and returned with 80 keepers. Gary added that clam or mussel chum is a big help.

MASTIC BEACH

Flounder in this section of the bay are "just starting to move" according to Gary, of **Stiriz' Fishing Station.** He expects fishing will be worthwhile by the weekend if we get some mild weather during the week.

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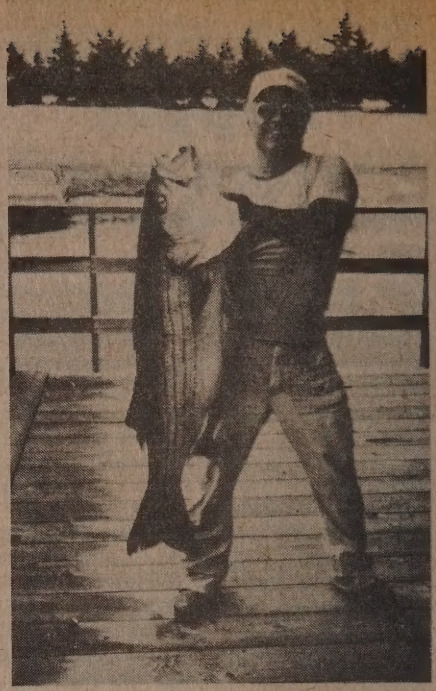

Phil Vella made his first striper in the surf a memorable one. He took this 45 lber. Gilgo on a live eel. It was weighed at The Store.

Louis Liebetruth stopped by the shop with 55 flatties to 1¼ lbs. They used worms, mussels and clams. Great South Bay flatfishing has been picky, but should take off any day now. Irene reminded that Peppy's is sponsoring a Flounder Derby until May 5th. Fish must be weighed at the shop. A custom rod will be awarded to the winner.

BAY SHORE

Captain Neil Delanoy of the **Casey Lee** said that flounder fishing has showed signs of life despite wind, rain and cold water temps. Fares are averaging only 3-6 flatties apiece, but nearly all are in the 1 to 1½ lb. range. Neil has been working off of Heckscher and Patchogue.

CAPTREE

Most open boat skippers lamented the weekend's less than ideal fishing conditions but all agreed that the fish are there and a few nice days should really get things going. The fleet has been working the East Bay betwoeen Heckscher-Cherry Grove and Patchogue with worms, clams and mussels all being effective at one or another. Another point that all of the skippers agreed to was the size of the fish very few flatties under 1 lb. showing up in the catches. Large but thin seems to be the rule.

Among the skippers filing reports from the area were Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen**, Capt. Dan Juettner of the **Capt. Dan**, and **Capt. Ben Litwin** of the boat of the same name.

Capt Carl of the **Jib VI** dittoed reports of picky fishing on Saturday and Sunday but spoke of a decent showing on Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, Martin Lebowitz clicked with 25 flatties including a pool winning 2½ lber. The skipper added that he is saling daily at 6AM and returning to port approximately 1PM.

Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** had no cod news to report as the boat was unexpectedly delayed coming out of the yard and was not ready for the weekend. The skipper asked that we relay his apologies to anyone inconvenienced by the delay. First trip for the **Speedy VII** from Huntington Town Dock will be this Saturday.

BABYLON

Over at **Augies**, were facilities are again being expanded, Ski Kochanski said some flatties are being picked down at Heckscher on worms clams and mussels. While weekend catches were off due to the weather, some respectable catches were made on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

LINDENHURST

Carl Miller, of **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle**, said that some nice size flounder are starting to show in the state channel and in the bay betwenn Bay Shore and Heckscher. He was more excited about the white perch action in the Connetquot River. After taking nearly 100 up to 2 lbs. on Sunday, who could blame him? His daughter Stacey added a 15" rainbow trout to the catch. They used night crawlers.

SEAFORD

"Things are just getting started at this end," said Art of **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station.** His sentiments were echoed by John Dombrowski of **Pop's Fishing Station.** Despite Sunday's wind, John told of Rich Geyer and Dennis Fay who managed 10 fish to 1¼ lbs. in Mass. Cove. Art reported a catch of 16 fish the same day made just east of the 1st bridge. During the week, Walter Sexton stopped by to show a catch of 22 flatties, including a whopping 2¾ lber., taken in Massapequa Cove.

MERRICK

Down at **Nick's Fishing Station and Marina**, Jimmy Boulukos knew that some flatties were taken behind Merrick Point during Sunday's gale. He reminded that he will be all set to go with boats and bait for the weekend.

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FREEPORT

Captain Tony Maio on the **Miss Freeport II** called to tell of good flounder catches Friday, Saturday and Sunday in local Freeport waters. On Saturday's trip approximately 300 flounders up to 2 lbs. were pulled. High hook was 8 flatties. Forty fares had varying numbers of fish but no one flew the skunk flag. Frank Russo of Merrick took the pool with a 2 lber. Sunday's trip saw roughly 150 fish caught with the pool going to Larry Edelman of North Woodmere with a fish that went a little over 2 lbs. The fish had no mud on them. Best action was last of the flood and the beginning of the ebb, with mussel and worm on the hook.

The **Capt. Lou Fleet** starts sailing Saturday March 27th for flounder. See ad for details.

Captain Richie on the **Starstream II** had one of the biggest cod of the season caught on his boat Saturday. This was a 74 lb. cod caught by John Stefgan of Freeport. John also had 12 other cod in addition to this gut-buster. John also runs the Freeport charter boat **Capt. Ben.** The day's total was 95 cod for 30 fares. Fishing was done on wrecks. Sunday's body count was 50 cod for 25 men. The boat is wreck fishing daily, featuring cod and pollack special wreck trips Tuesday and Thursday, sailing at 4AM. There are still plenty of big cod around and also plenty of fillet size fish.

Captain Jimmy of the **Super Spray II** had a very good Saturday's cod fishing with over 100 cod caught, most in the 4-10 lb. range. The pool fish ran 18 lbs. and this was all on wrecks. Seventy cod was the total for Sunday's effort in the wind, also on wrecks. Two members of Hudson Anglers bagged up with 12 cod to 32 lbs., taking the pool. A few members of Nick's Pt. Tuna Club also managed 12 cod up to 26 lbs. The skipper says he'll be staying with the codfish for now since the catches are so good. The boat has its dock phone in operation now, which is 516-378-4838 and this number is open from 9AM-5PM.

The **Capt. Al** had a good codfish catch on Thursday with 60 cod coming over the rail for just 9 men. This was repeated on Saturday. Fish are running 4-8 lbs. The boat will be switching to flounder sailing 7AM daily as you read this report.

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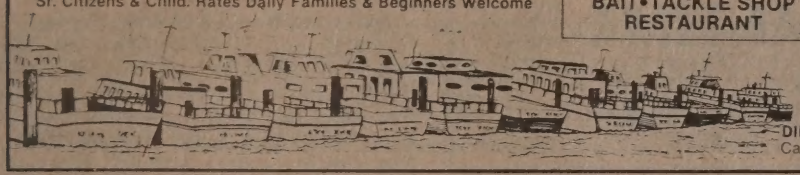

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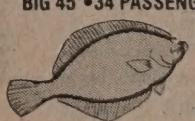

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Ed's Fishing Station says the flounder action was picky on the weekend due to the rain and wind, but that the flounder are starting and by this weekend with the help of some higher air and water temperatures, the flattie action should pick up smartly.

ISLAND PARK

Captain Clem of the **Commodore** reported a tough weekend due to the cold water still in the bays. The skipper has heard of fair catches around and says that next week should be much better with warmer water likely.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** has had bait customers report to him that fair catches of flounder were made over the weekend off the Jones Beach piers on both tides, with bloodworms and mussels, fish up to 1¾ lbs.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina will be open for business on Saturday, March 20th, with bait, tackle and skiffs all set to go. A few private boats were out Saturday and pulled some flatties fro the deep holes in Reynolds Channel,

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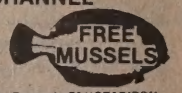

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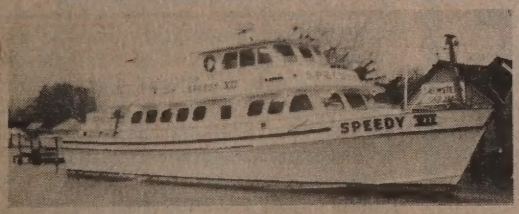

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Skippy's Bait and Tackle reports the flounder action was fairly good for shore fishermen casting at Bay Park Creek. Fish ran from 3/4 to 1 lb. and were all males. This creek seems to be holding warmer water. Catches averaged 6-10 fish per caster, using sand worms and mussels since the flounder like soft bait in the spring. These fish seem to be sea flounders which are light colored. The middle of the creek produced best. White perch has dropped off.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Kevin of the **Dorothy B** says his fares have been getting some nice sized flounders in the Shrewsbury River. The pool fish for Sunday ran 1¼ lbs., while high hook for the day was 20 flounder. Starting Saturday, the boat will be on a daily schedule.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** tells of an excellent Saturday on the flounder up the Navesink River over in Jersey. Some customers had over 40 flounder, with catches averaging 20 to 40 a man. The fish which took the pool of over $100 hit 3¾ lbs. on the scale. Catches Saturday were consistent all day long, with occasional blasts that included a lot of doubles. Action has definitely picked up this week. Mussels appear to be the preferred bait.

Captain Tom on the **Elsie K III** says he will begin sailing every day starting Saturday, March 20th. His customers had good results Saturday

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fishing the Shrewsbury River. High hook was 20 fish, with a 1¾ lber grabbing the pool. Tom says he will be strictly flounder fishing March, April and May, as he did the last two seasons. At that point, he will zoom into fluke.

Neil at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** says the only thing going on right now is flounders, which are being caught at the Navesink River in Jersey and Silver Hole in Jamaica Bay with fish being mixed sizes. The shop has a completely supply of flounder bait and chum.

North Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

CITY ISLAND

Word from the City Island flounder boats is that the **North Star** will be sailing regularly starting March 17th. Captain Mike "Irish" Finity will begin sailing his **Ebb Tide** on March 20th. Both these boats are located side-by-side at the foot of Jack's Landing. Captain Dom of the **Apache** is now located one block closer to the bridge. See ads for details.

Jack, of **Jack's Bait and Tackle** said that the first catches of flounder have been made in Orchard Beach Lagoon. They are good size but thin and being taken on sands and bloods. Poor weather conditions have held things back somewhat but Jack was optimistic that things are on the upswing.

HUNTINGTON

"Boatmen have been picking away at small flounder in all of the local harbors for a couple of weeks now," according to Ronnie, of **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle**. Fish are being taken on sandworms. Sandworms have also been accounting for a few bass between Crab Meadow and the power plant.

South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SAG HARBOR

Captain Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** called to say the season is looking good. The larger flounder have passed through Shinnecock Canal. Artie says conditions are similar to

the spring of '81 which was very good. The boat's first trip is this Friday, so you can call Artie Thursday night for up-to-the-minute info.

SHINNECOCK

Speck's Bait and Tackle reports that the fishermen were shoulder to shoulder Saturday and Sunday along the Shinnecock Canal and catches were good to very good considering the mob. Two pals fishing with the assistance of a chum pot had nearly 300 flounder, thanks mostly to the heavy chumming. Worms and clam were the hook bait. Other choice spring spots are just starting to stir, with Promised Land a typical example.

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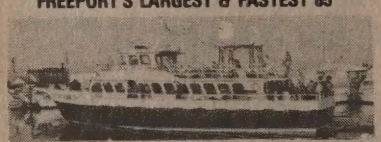

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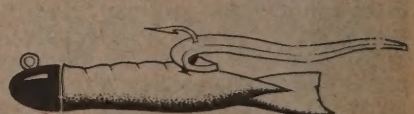

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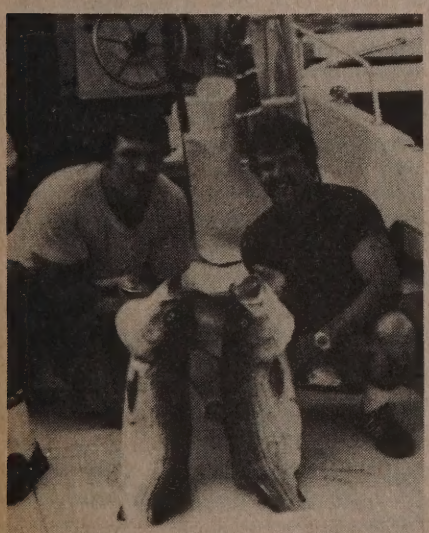

Ken Jastrzebski and Marty Downs with a pair of fine stripers and a big blue taken inside Shinnecock Inlet last July aboard Ken's boat, Jean-Marie III. Subscriber photo.

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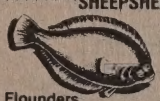
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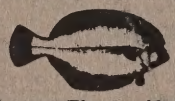
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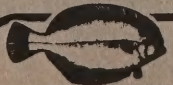
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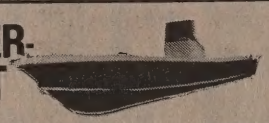

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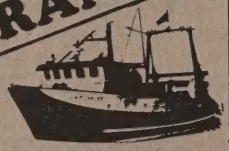

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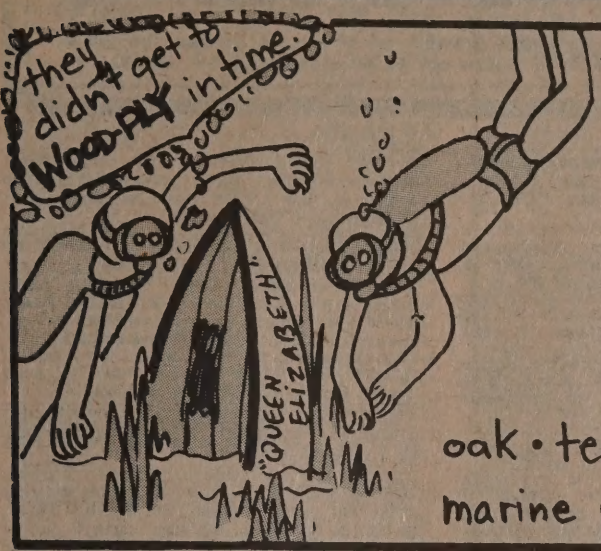

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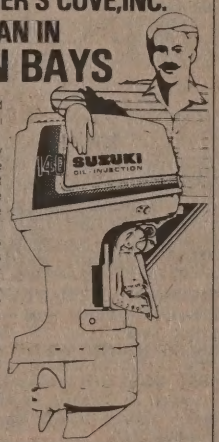

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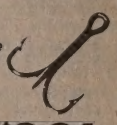

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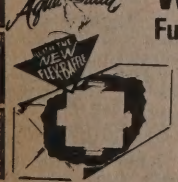

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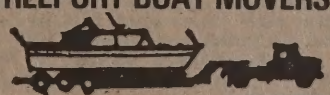

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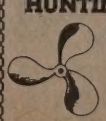

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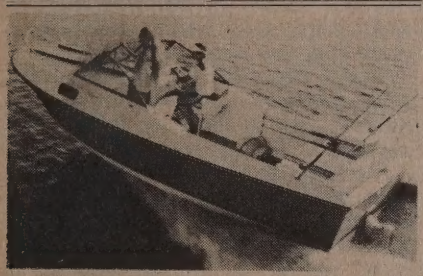

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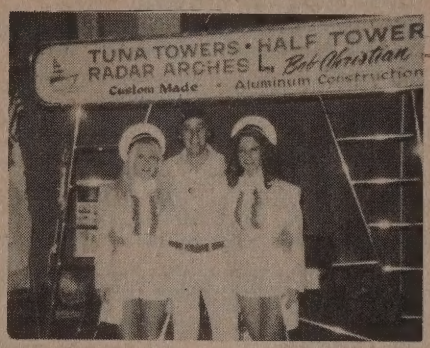

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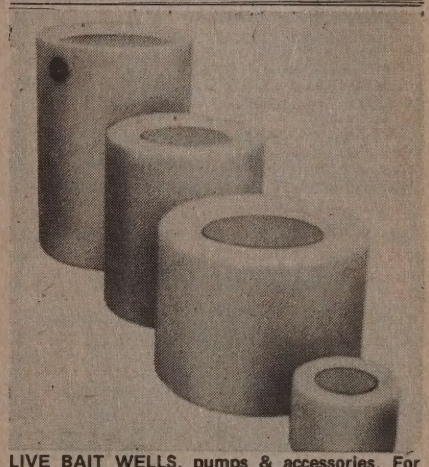

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THE GREAT TUNA COMPROMISE

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them. A potential problem involves the timing. It will be at least sometime in January before these new regs can be put in place. Until then the old regs apply, and the seiners could take 600 tons of schoolies in June! If that were to happen, NMFS would either have to stop tuna fishing for the year or simply ignore that catch and end up violating our commitment to the international community. It's essential that NMFS and Congress face this issue and ensure, by whatever means, that no purse seine fishery takes place before the new regs are in place!

What's been accomplished so far this winter doesn't represent the ideal situation, but at least we've made a first significant step in the direction of tuna conservation. In addition to the potential problem with our own purse seiners, we also have to worry about the possibility of Mexico (a non-ICCAT nation) becoming involved in this fishery and about what the Cubans (exempted from the quota) might do. There's also a question about keeping the Japanese honest on their quota unless we can get 100% observer coverage. Nevertheless, we have taken an important first step and it's up to all concerned anglers to ensure that we continue on the right path.

Write to Allen Peterson, Director, NMFS, Northeast Region, P.O. Box 1109, Gloucester, MA 01930 and ask him to eliminate all directed purse seining of bluefin tuna. Also write to your Senators and Congressmen asking them to ensure that the purse seiners will not be able to take school tuna before the new regs are in place. Finally, show up at the public hearings which will be held in various locations this spring! If we all pull together, we just may succeed in passing on a great fishery to future generations!

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	1:40	2:05	2:45	3:20	2:25	3:00	3:40	4:25	5:10	6:45	5:20	5:55	1:55	2:25	3/18
FRI.	2:40	3:10	3:50	4:20	3:25	4:05	4:40	5:20	6:30	7:40	6:15	6:50	2:55	3:25	3/19
SAT.	3:40	4:15	4:45	5:15	4:30	5:05	5:30	6:10	7:45	8:30	7:10	7:45	3:50	4:20	3/20
SUN.	4:45	5:10	5:40	6:05	5:25	6:00	6:15	6:50	8:35	9:05	8:05	8:30	4:40	5:05	3/21
MON.	5:30	5:55	6:25	6:45	6:10	6:40	7:00	7:30	9:05	9:35	8:50	9:15	5:30	5:50	3/22
TUE.	6:15	6:40	7:05	7:25	6:55	7:20	7:45	8:10	9:40	10:00	9:35	9:55	6:10	6:30	3/23
WED.	7:00	7:20	7:45	8:05	7:35	7:55	8:25	8:50	10:15	10:35	10:15	10:35	6:55	7:15	3/24
THUR.	7:40	8:00	8:25	8:45	8:15	8:35	9:05	9:25	10:55	11:15	11:00	11:20	7:35	7:55	3/25

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

3/19	6:07	6:11
3/20	6:05	6:12
3/21	6:03	6:13
3/22	6:01	6:14
3/23	6:00	6:16
3/24	5:58	6:17
3/25	5:56	6:18

Moonrise/Moonset

3/19	2:40AM	12:15PM
3/20	3:26AM	1:11PM
3/21	4:07AM	2:11PM
3/22	4:45AM	3:14PM
3/23	5:19AM	4:20PM
3/24	5:50AM	5:27PM
3/25	6:21AM	6:36PM

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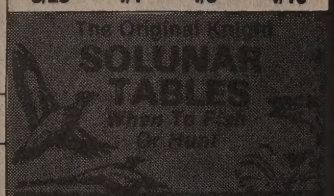
3/23	4/1	4/8	4/16



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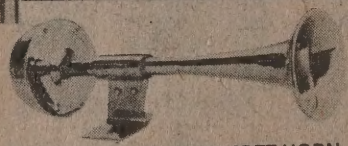

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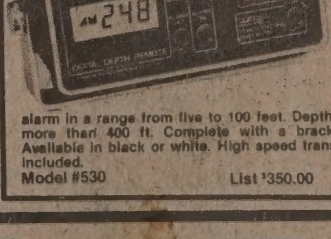

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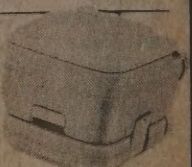

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